



Kent on Sunday

PICK UP YOUR **FREE**

www.kentnews.co.uk October 9, 2011

EAST KENT EDITION

Issue no 472

Lord urges schools to make a bid for freedom

Education minister says heads can stop officials 'breathing down their necks'

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

HEADTEACHERS fed up with council chiefs "breathing down their necks" have been urged to consider joining the 1,000 schools to have already become academies.

During a visit to Kent on Tuesday, education minister Lord Jonathan Hill reiterated the Government's message that schools free from local authority control are in a better position to make their own decisions and raise standards more quickly.

But the Tory peer's comments are at odds with those made in July by Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter, who claimed the benefits to headteachers of schools becoming academies were "narrowing" due to less available funding.

Lord Hill spoke to KoS after visiting

Smarden Primary School, near Ashford, which is celebrating being the 1,000th academy converter in the country.

"We're not changing the education structure just for the sake of it," he said.

"It's to enable people to do what they think is best rather than what the politicians think is best, and if they do that they can do better."

"Academies are able to try different things. They don't have to follow the National Curriculum or the school day, and what a lot of headteachers say is they can make decisions more quickly without people breathing down their necks."

"Everyone feels a lot more positive, and the common response is that being an academy allows heads and governors to get on with stuff and run things the way they want them to be run."

Latest Department for Education figures show there are currently 45

Continued on page 2



Picture: PAUL JERREAT

RODIN'S MASTERPIECE TAKES SEASIDE BREAK

NEW HOME: Rodin's The Kiss is currently on show at Margate gallery - **SEE INSIDE**

HEALTHCARE

Dementia - the hidden disease

THOUSANDS of people across the county are suffering from undiagnosed dementia.

The shock figures are from the Alzheimer's Society, which says undiagnosed cases of the condition are set to rocket as people live longer.

Roadshows have been held to reach sufferers. **PAGE 5**

POLICE

Soldier 'naive' over police job

FORMER Iraq War hero Colonel Tim Collins has been branded "naive" by the leader of Kent Police Federation.

Col Collins wants to be the Tory candidate for Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, but has been warned there will be no "eve of battle speeches" in the job. **PAGE 9**

SPORT

Hill ready for BSB shootout

DRAMA is almost inevitable at Brands Hatch today as the British Superbike (BSB) Championship season reaches its finale.

Beckenham-born Tommy Hill is vowing to adopt an attacking approach as he goes head-to-head with title rival John Hopkins. **PAGE 92**

Medical Microdermabrasion

Skin conditions commonly treated are:

- Fine lines and wrinkles • Acne prone skin • Blackheads and whiteheads • Sun damaged skin

The benefits include:

- Suitable for most skin types • No pain or discomfort • No recovery time

To make an appointment, please contact:

Julie Pain at The Spencer Wing
QEOM Hospital Margate 01843 234569
julie.pain@thespencerwing.com

Danielle Hazelwood at The Spencer Wing
William Harvey Hospital Ashford 01233 616201
danielle.hazelwood@thespencerwing.com



The Spencer Wing

Private Hospital

This treatment could even be done in your lunch break



News

Download your FREE **Kent News iPhone** and **iPad App**

INSIDE

- News 2-24
- Comment/Feedback 26-27
- Business Week 29-31
- Keep Kent Working . 32-33
- Jobs & Notices. 34-37
- Sport 82-83

INSIDE

Kent Weekend

- Interview 45
- Walks 46
- Kent Remembered 47
- Food and drink 48-49

LEISURE

Attractions, events, stage, exhibitions, theatre, arts, 51-54

HOMES

Property 55-61

MOTORS

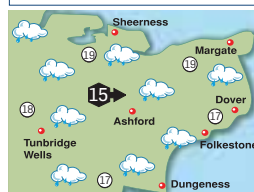
Driving 65-79

WEATHER SPONSORED BY

DOVER
FROM
£19
DUNKIRK
CAR + 4 ERCH WAY
SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS

DOVER-DUNKIRK
DFDS.CO.UK
CALL: 0871 374 7307

DFDS SEAWAYS



TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Location	10.15	6.2	22.45	6.2
Dover	10.15	6.2	22.45	6.2
Margate	11.12	4.5	23.51	4.6
St Mary's	03.51	5.0	16.06	5.2

WEEK AHEAD

Day	Max	Min
Monday	20C	11C
Tuesday	16C	8C
Wednesday	16C	8C
Thursday	17C	10C
Friday	17C	9C
Saturday	17C	9C

Information supplied by

MeteoGroup

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

CONTACTS
Editor: Ian Patel
Email: ian.patel@archant.co.uk
Address: Apple Barn, Smeeth, TN25 6SS
Editorial: News: 01303 817100
Leisure: 01303 817200
Sport: 01303 817183
Email: editorial@kosmedia.co.uk
Advertising: Jobs/Notices: 01303 817040
Business: 01303 817190
Email: appointments@kosmedia.co.uk
Retail/Leisure/Motors: 01303 817150
Email: sales@kosmedia.co.uk
FOLLOW US ONLINE @
yourkenttv.co.uk • kentnews.co.uk
kentnews.co.uk/mobile
jobsforkent.co.uk • homes24.co.uk
carsforkent.co.uk • twitter@kosmedia
Printed by Newsfax International Ltd,
5 Beam Reach Business Park, Consul Ave,
Rainham, Essex RM13 8GL

EDUCATION

'Schools can see the advantage of less interference'

Continued from front page

new-style academies open in Kent, with a further 29 having applied to be one. Medway is home to seven, with an extra four currently in progress.

Nationally more than 40 per cent of secondary schools are academies or have applied to become one, with 1.2 million children currently being educated within the new system.

Last month KCC revealed the

rising number of academies had pushed the authority to "tipping point", forcing it to hand government funds directly to schools to buy their own services.

Education chiefs said it would help create a level playing field, with maintained schools having the same control over their funds as academies from April next year.

Lord Hill said: "We've been clear from the start that it's

up to the schools to work out for themselves what's right for them.

"Headteachers and governors may take the view that the extra freedoms of becoming an academy are attractive to them, or they may decide to remain with the local authorities which have been running things for a long time.

"But it's clear people are voting with their feet and schools have seen the advan-

tages of having less interference from people like me and at a local level."

Having previously suggested it could be in a school's best interests to break from the council's control, KCC leader Cllr Carter changed tack when he learned the additional funds given to converting academies had almost dried up.

He claimed this had created a two-tier funding system because those schools still to con-

vert will have a lower budget.

Lord Hill said: "I want academies to be funded on the same basis as other schools. The difficulty there is generally about funding is that it's very complicated, so we're trying to simplify it and make it more straightforward.

"There are also differences in funding in different parts of the country, so we're trying to make sure the system is fair and transparent."

HOUSING

Vulnerable forced to wait for up to two years to get specialist housing support

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

HUNDREDS of vulnerable people have been waiting for up to 18 months to receive help from the county's Supporting People programme.

Although a drop of 27 per cent has been seen overall in the number waiting to get support from the government scheme – which looks to help the most vulnerable people with housing-related needs – there has been an increase in those with medium-to-lower needs waiting for 18 months.

And more than 100 have been holding out for help for up to two years.

Supporting People offers vital housing-related services, such as women's refuges and sheltered accommodation, and advice to allow vulnerable people to live independently.

In a report due to be discussed at County Hall next week, figures showed the number of people on the waiting list considered Band A – those with a high need such as domestic abuse victims and rough sleepers – had dropped from

918 to 371 since the first quarter of this year.

The report stated that most Band A referrals had been waiting for up to three months, but in a "marked improvement" none had waited more than nine months.

But for Band B, which is for people with medium needs, such as teenage parents, and Band C, those who need advice to stop them losing their homes, waiting times have not improved.

"There is a slight increase in the number of people waiting for more than 18 months in these bands, despite the increase in the number of referrals made to providers during the period," the report stated.

"The reasons for this lie in the proportion of Band A referrals on the waiting list, which take priority over Band B referrals, in accordance with the current floating support protocol."

Figures show 371 people with the highest need are on the waiting list, with the longest wait at nine months.

For medium needs, 902 are still waiting, including 171 waiting for a year,

238 for 18 months, 103 for two years and 16 for more than two years.

In total, 1,430 people, including those with the lowest needs, are on the waiting list for floating support.

The number of people waiting fell in each district, but there were more in east Kent (862) compared to the west of the county (568).

Around 340 people are holding out for specialist mental health support, with the majority in Thanet, Swale and Canterbury.

The Supporting People scheme, for which Kent County Council is responsible, is one of the casualties of government cuts.

Fears have been raised over the potential impact on vulnerable people, but KCC stressed the county would not see a significant reduction in the number of people receiving the services, despite the need to reduce expenditure.

Cabinet member for customer and communities, Cllr Mike Hill, said: "We will offer these services in a more cost-effective and efficient way. The reduction will be delivered by negotiating



LEFT OUT: County Hall officials will be discussing the Supporting People service

with providers to bring down the hourly and weekly rates."

Kent-based homelessness charity Porchlight, however, said it was concerned by the impact of cuts

Chief executive Mike Barrett said he was particularly worried about the decision by Kent's Supporting People to reduce funding for the charity's rough sleeper service by 75 per cent.

Salmestone Grange

Have you booked your Staff Christmas Party yet?

Salmestone Grange offers a festive night of Medieval Merriment including a Banquet with Court Jester, Serving Wenches and Music for dancing.

Unique 14th Century Venue available for Weddings, Carvery Sunday Lunch and other Special Occasions
For further information please call 01843 231161



Nash Road, Margate, Kent, CT9 4BX

www.salmestonegrange.co.uk

bringing you the latest news ■ sport ■ video ■ jobs ■ cars and property ■ ...Just visit the Apple App Store

SPORT

Stars pay tribute to fast bowling Ashes hero Graham Dilley

By Chris Britcher

chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

WITH a full head of flowing blond hair and standing 6ft 4in, he was an instantly recognisable scourge of batsmen around the world – and this week generations of cricketing heroes lined up to pay tribute to Graham Dilley.

The death on Wednesday of the former Kent and England hero shook the sporting world.

He had faced a short battle with cancer. He was just 52.

Speaking to KoS this week, former Kent and England batsman Chris Tavaré, now a school teacher in Sevenoaks, said: "I was hoping to get to see him this weekend but obviously things took a turn for the worse quicker than anticipated, it's very sad. He was a good friend and a very good bowler."

After a glittering playing career, Mr Dilley had enjoyed spells as part of the England national coaching set-up, before in recent years becoming head cricket coach at Loughborough University.

It is believed he was admitted to a hospice in Leicestershire at the start of the week.

He was twice divorced and leaves four children, including Chris Pennell, captain of Premiership rugby club Worcester Warriors.

Born in Dartford, the young bowler quickly established himself as a talent to watch and by 18 he made his first class debut for Kent in a match against Cambridge University.

He would not properly establish himself at the St Lawrence for another year, however, when he would settle down and form a key part of a side which featured the likes of Bob Woolmer, Chris Tavaré and Derek Underwood.

A surprise inclusion in the 1979 Ashes touring squad, his star was in the ascendancy, and in 1981 he wrote his name in the history books when he formed part of the quick-fire stand with Ian Botham at the famous Ashes Test in Headingley.

Proving his prowess with the bat, he and Botham bashed out 117 runs in just 80 minutes, Dilley securing his first half-century en route to a vital 56 which would pave the way for perhaps England's most famous ever victory.

Botham had famously told him as he walked to the crease "let's give it some humpty". He did just that.

By 1986 his relationship with Kent soured and he opted to sign for the ambitious Worcestershire, along with Botham – forming a key part of their team which won back-

to-back championship titles in 1988 and 1989.

By opting to play on the rebel tour of South Africa he brought down the curtain on his England career, and with recurring injuries he called time on his playing career in 1992.

After retiring, he moved into coaching and enjoyed spells as an assistant coach with the England men's team and bowling coach to the England women's team before taking up a position at Loughborough University.

Chairman of Kent Cricket Club, George Kennedy, said: "The entire club are saddened by the passing of Graham, who served Kent with great distinction during his time here. Our thoughts are with his family at this tragic time."

England star Kevin Pietersen said he was "an amazing guy – always smiling", team-mate Stuart Broad added he was a "wonderful fast bowler and lovely man".

Botham added: "He had a good sense of humour and always wanted to be a part of the party."

"He was quiet and reserved until you got to know him. It's a very sad day."

■ Read more of Chris Tavaré's memories of playing with Graham Dilley on our sports pages.



STAR: Graham Dilley proved his skill in 1981 when he played his part in securing what is possibly England's most famous Ashes victory

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Russell hacking claim

DR Shaun Russell – father of the sole survivor of a hammer attack which saw his wife and youngest daughter killed – has joined the list of people taking legal action against News International amid allegations of phone hacking. Josie Russell was nine when she and her family were attacked as they walked home through Chillenden near Canterbury. Her sister Megan, six, and mother Lin were both murdered in the 1996 attack. Michael Stone was convicted of their killings. This week Dr Russell was among 13 alleged victims of the phone hacking scandal to file civil claims.

➔ NHS 'destroyed files'

AN NHS trust has been told there is "no excuse" for the bungle that saw 10,000 archived records accidentally destroyed. Health chiefs at Dartford and Gravesend NHS Trust have been unable to establish how many of the records contained personal information, but some did have names and addresses of former patients and some staff, and a "limited amount" of medical information. The Information Commissioner's Office ruled the trust breached the Data Protection Act.

➔ Dancing to new record

MORE than 1,000 dancing queens who performed a special Abba routine along Broadstairs Prom have set an official Guinness World Record for the biggest remote dance class.

The event was held in May as part of the Big Broadstairs Weekend to promote the town. Money raised from the dance was donated to the Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign and the QEQM hospital special babies unit.

NHS

Experts' health reform warning

LEADING health professionals in Kent are among almost 400 experts warning that plans to reform the NHS risk causing "irreparable harm".

In a letter published in the Daily Telegraph on the day Health Secretary Andrew Lansley (pictured) spoke at the Tory Party conference, experts from across the country said the changes must be rejected as they represent a risk to patient care and safety.

Among those who signed the letter were Amy Bird, speciality registrar in public health for Kent; Professor Stephen Clift, professor of health education at Canterbury Christ Church University; Dr Linda Garvican, quality assurance director for cancer screening programmes at NHS South East Coast; and Dr Angela Bhan, director of public health and managing director of Bromley Business Support Unit.

The doctors suggested the NHS reforms – due to be discussed in the House of Lords next week – will fragment services, possibly threatening vaccination and screening campaigns.



They wrote: "As public health doctors and specialists, we are concerned about the Health and Social Care Bill. The bill will do irreparable harm to the NHS, to individual patients and to society as a whole."

"The Government claims the reforms have the backing of the health professions. They do not. Neither do they have the public's support."

"The Health and Social Care Bill will erode the NHS's ethical and co-operative foundations and will not deliver efficiency, quality, fairness or choice."

A Department of Health spokesman said plans to reform the NHS will give patients more choice, root out waste, and give NHS staff more power to improve care.

He added that a group of the country's top doctors and NHS experts had already analysed the health bill, and that the department had accepted all their recommendations to improve it.

"Many GPs and other doctors have also already spoken out in support," he said.

DO YOU NEED INVESTMENT FOR A BUSINESS IDEA?

Despite Government 'sound bites' the financial institutions are reluctant to lend.
We, on the other hand, have money we have to invest immediately.



If you are a dynamic, forward thinking company or individual, require between £50,000 to £1.5m of investment and can create substantial shareholder value please send us your business plan.

This is a rare chance to reach high level, decisive, expedient principal investors and gain the investment you need in your business.

The closing date for business plans is 4th November. You will be notified if you have been short-listed by 14th November and asked to attend an interview in front of the panel week commencing 21st November. The full criteria of which will be sent out with the notifications.

Please submit plans to matt.reid@bakertilly.co.uk or via post to Matt Reid, Baker Tilly, Hanover House, 18 Mount Ephraim Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 1ED

All business plans received as part of this process will be treated in strictest confidence and seen by only the principle investors and nominated advisors to Company Investment Club

Christies Wine Bar

The greeting, meeting & eating place!



Large, comfortable and relaxed bar, in a historic building, serving food 7 days a week, including Sunday lunch

LIVE MUSIC

*Every Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday*

NOW BOOKING for Christmas parties, please call us for details

We have a fully furnished function room for your special celebration, **FREE OF CHARGE!**

... Christmas Party Menu ...

Starters

- Homemade winter vegetable soup served with a warm crusty roll
- Tempura king prawns resting on a bed of salad, finished with a sweet chilli dip
- Hake brochettes coated in a thai seasoning of coriander, chilli and ginger resting on a bed of pilau rice
- Pan fried wood pigeon drizzled with a red wine, thyme and juniper berry jus
- Baked French camembert served with a crusty roll, cranberry & onion chutney

Main Course

- Butternut squash half filled with cannellini beans, mozzarella cheese, peppers and tomatoes, topped with pumpkin and sunflower seed crumb
- Traditional roast turkey, stuffing, served with Christmas seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes accompanied by a yorkshire pudding, sausage wrapped in smoked bacon and finished with a rich winter gravy
- Tender lamb shank, served pink, in a rich rosemary gravy served with new potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables
- Highland smoked salmon mousse with a soft mustard and dill centre, served with a salad garnish, lemon wedge and a warm crusty roll
- Homemade steak and winter ale pie with new potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables

Desserts

- Christmas pudding served with fresh cream
- Homemade sherry trifle topped with cream
- Cheese and biscuits complimented by fresh grapes and celery
- Winter berry fruit pudding with fresh cream
- Dairy ice cream selection

**2 Courses for £15.95 or 3 courses for
£18.95 with mince pies
& coffees to finish**
Requested deposit
of £5 per person

Mexican Night

----- PLUS -----

SOL Lager Just
£1.50 per bottle

**EVERY
THURSDAY
6 - 9pm**



**Nachos, Fajitas,
Burritos,
Tacos & more!
2 courses for
just £9.95**

Curry Night

plus live background
music with our resident
Latin American guitarist

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY
6 - 8pm**



**Mellow 'n' mild...
Hot 'n' spicy?...
Choose any
curry & a drink
just £7.95**

1 - 3 Station Approach, Birchington CT7 9RD **01843 847847**

www.christieswinebar.webs.com

HEALTH CARE

Silent struggles as dementia sufferers remain undiagnosed

By Marijke Cox
marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

THOUSANDS of people are living with undiagnosed dementia across Kent.

The Alzheimer's Society estimates 13,649 people are secretly struggling through their daily lives with the condition, with the number of undiagnosed cases estimated to rise to almost 19,000 by 2021.

The organisation says 21,506 people currently have dementia; 10,606 in eastern and coastal Kent; 8,468 in west Kent; and 2,432 in Medway. But thousands of those cases are undiagnosed, with an estimated 6,886 in the east of the county – 65 per cent of people with dementia – 5,351 in the west (63 per cent) and 1,412 in Medway (58 per cent). The number of undiagnosed cases is expected to rise to 9,297, 7,512 and 1,963 respectively by 2021.

The Alzheimer's Society ran a series of roadshows across the county this week as part of a drive to raise awareness and offer support to people living with dementia.

Communities can request for the roadshow to visit a Tesco store near them.

South East area manager of the Alzheimer's Society, Chris Wyatt, said the high number of people living with the condition without help or support was concerning, and that the roadshow scheme was vital.

"It will help us reach out to communities, tackle stigma by raising awareness of the condition, and encourage people who are worried about their memory to visit their GP," he said.

The number of people developing the degenerative brain disease, which affects memory, is



SECRET: Thousands of cases are undiagnosed

expected to grow as people live longer.

It is estimated that by 2012 almost 30,000 people in Kent will have the condition, almost 9,000 more cases than now, but nearly 19,000 – more than half – will remain undiagnosed.

Whitstable GP Dr Gunalakshman Kanagasooriam, who has a special interest in dementia, said patients and carers can be afraid of diagnosis.

"They think they will be unsupported once they are diagnosed or simply feel that nothing can be done in the 'early stages' of the disease.

"However, in this area we have a programme of GP education in dementia care and work in partnership to improve patient pathways into services such as dementia café s, Admiral Nurses, and shared care, with the local voluntary sector actively participating in new developments."

During the last two years a range of dementia care services have been rolled out in Kent and Medway by the NHS.

Evelyn White, associate director for integrated

commissioning for NHS Kent and Medway, said significant work was undertaken to improve support to sufferers and their carers.

"We work closely with partners such as Kent County Council, the Alzheimer's Society and local GPs to raise awareness, improve early diagnosis and provide high quality local services," she said.

"There are well established memory assessment clinics across Kent and Medway to support early diagnosis of dementia. The community mental health teams for older people together with the home treatment service in east Kent, the Dementia Support Service in Medway and the crisis response service in west Kent, provide vital support for people with dementia.

"Further investment is being made in these teams, together with a crisis response service in east Kent and Medway during 2011-12 to ensure that people can be well supported at home in the event of a crisis.

"There is further work to do as we strive to improve services for patients and their families."

■ To request an Alzheimer's Society roadshow to be held at a Tesco store near you go to www.alzheimers-tesco.org.uk.

■ For help through NHS Kent and Medway go to www.dementiawebkentandmedway.org.uk or for the 24-hour dementia helpline call 0800 500 3014.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Maternity consultation

A THREE-month consultation the future of maternity services in east Kent will be launched on Friday, 14 October.

Public meetings in November and December will give members of the public the chance to ask questions.

The consultation is being led by NHS Kent and Medway and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust. More details at www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk/maternityreview.

➔ Brave RAF hero dies

AN RAF Battle of Britain hero who helped raise money for the National Memorial to the Few at Capel-le-Ferne, while living in Australia, has died at the age of 92.

Flight Lieutenant Charles (Tich) Palliser was a supporter of the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust and its plans to build a new learning centre at the National Memorial. His daughter Gill made bookmarks of the silk from her father's wartime parachute and has been selling them to raise funds for the appeal.

➔ Crisps get new deal

SUPERMARKET giant Waitrose is to stock all four flavours of Kent Crisps at selected stores in the county.

Launched in March, Kent Crisps have sold more than 250,000 packets – ahead of expected demand. They are made from potatoes grown at the Quex Park Estate, Birchington, using sustainable methods.

ENTERTAINMENT

Curtain rises on a glitzy new era for the Marlowe Theatre

A GLITZY audience gathered for the first official performance at the new Marlowe theatre in Canterbury.

The invited crowd included Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex and his wife Sophie Rhys-Jones.

The Prince is the Royal Patron of the New Marlowe Development Trust.

The packed theatre was treated to an evening of high-brow entertainment from the Philharmonia Orchestra.

Bass singer, Sir John Tomlinson and soprano Carmen Giannattasio entertained with music by Mozart, Rossini, Puccini, Wagner and Verdi.

The £25.6 million theatre has 1,200 seats, three bars and a new riverside café.

Many members of Tuesday's audience had contributed to the theatre's trust fund which raised more than £4m.

The old Marlowe, a converted 1930s cinema, was demolished in 2009.



LANDMARK OPENING: The Earl and Countess of Wessex

The modern design by architect Keith Williams includes a triangular fly tower lit up with purple lights.

After the gala performance the Prince unveiled the opening plaque on stage. He joked it might be a bit of an anticlimax compared to the entertainment that had gone before.

Prince Edward said: "As anyone walking through the

doors, either front of house or backstage, will have quickly realised this is nothing like the old Marlowe Theatre.

"One thing this evening's celebrations are not about is a re-opening, Canterbury has a splendid new landmark.

"Kent has an exciting new performing arts space and the region has a new venue which is capable of attracting the best performers in the land and beyond."

Theatre director Mark Everett said: "Our Opening Gala was a huge success and one of the smoothest run events I have ever experienced."

The new Marlowe will be staging a series of events for the public over the weekend to celebrate the opening.

Cllr John Gibbey, leader of Canterbury City Council said: "This theatre is a gift to the community and for generations to come."

■ To read more news go to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk.

SALE
NOW ON

Wyoming

3 seat sofa

Usually £799

SALE PRICE £645



CHOOSE A COLOUR OPTION THAT SUITS YOUR SCHEME

Nasons Furniture and Bed Centre

Maynard Road, Wincheap Estate, Canterbury

01227 463550

Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5.30pm

Sundays 10am - 4pm



www.nasons.co.uk

BEAUPORT HOLIDAY PARK

FREE

2011 PITCH FEES

PLUS

50% OFF

2012 PITCH FEES



PRE-OWNED HOLIDAY HOMES FROM ONLY...



£4995

BRAND NEW HOLIDAY HOMES FROM ONLY...



£22,995

NEW PREMIUM HOLIDAY HOMES FROM ONLY...



£27,995

DISCOVER HOLIDAY HOME OWNERSHIP IN THE HEART OF SUSSEX

Escape to your country retreat near the coast. Beauport Holiday Park is an exclusive park, in the most attractive natural woodland setting.

Great Facilities

- Set in 250 Acres of Beautiful Woodland Park
- New Exclusive Lodge Development
- Open 10 Months a Year • Gym
- Private Country Club
- New Outdoor pool
- Sky TV • Pets Welcome
- Free Wi-Fi Internet Access in Club Area

EXCLUSIVE TO PARK HOLIDAYS UK
Special Edition New Holiday Homes

36ft x 12ft, 2 or 3 bedrooms including
FREE double glazing and central heating.

from only £27,995 with no fees until 2013!



Available
to view
and own
now



To discover more about park life at Beauport Park please
call to request a brochure or arrange a visit

Call today **0845 815 9777**

Local call rate

The Ridge West, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN37 7PP
or visit www.ParkHolidaysUK.com/beauportsales



News

POLICY

Parties collide on 'meddling'
EU call for 20mph urban limit

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

POLITICAL parties have clashed over an EU decision to back 20mph limits in urban areas.

Strong recommendations were made in the European Parliament last week for an EU-wide urban speed limit of 20mph.

Although the support lacks the force of law, recommendations made in the European Parliament can be influential in shaping policy within governments on a national and local level.

But the move has sparked a clash between the Green Party and Conservative members in Kent.

Maidstone Green Party, which has been pushing for a drop in speed around schools, celebrated the EU support, stating there was now no excuse for residential roads to remain at 30mph.

"Councillors need to seize this opportunity to make life better for all," said spokesman Stuart Jeffery.

In August, highways chiefs at Kent County Council announced they would be trialling a 20mph speed limit around six primary schools in Maidstone early next year in a bid to improve road safety.

Mr Jeffery said: "The council is dipping its toe into 20mph zones outside schools, which is a step in the right direction, but the weight of opinion must now quickly take them to making all of our streets safer."

"The vast majority of residents would feel and be safer with cars coming past their houses at 20mph instead of 30mph."

Green South East MEP Keith Taylor added:

"This limit would ensure drivers have to respect the same road rules no matter where they drive, making it easier for drivers and safer for all those on or near our roads."

But while the Greens were celebrating, Tory MEPs condemned the recommendations.

They claimed it was an example of EU "meddling".

Daniel Hannan, who represents the South East, including Kent, in Brussels, said the proposal was another example of Europe trying to dictate to Britain on issues that should be decided locally.

"Of course speed limits as low as 20mph or so can be right in some very specific areas, especially near schools or nurseries, but every location is different and these decisions need to be made case by case. Not by a Europe-wide edict."

A potential change to motorway speed has also been discussed this week, with transport secretary Philip Hammond confirming plans to consult on raising the limit to 80mph.

Speaking at the Conservative Party conference this week, he said the current 70mph limit had become "discredited" and failed to keep pace with advances in motoring.

But Maidstone Green Party's Mr Jeffery said local members would campaign against the proposed rise.

"Fuel costs and CO2 emissions will increase significantly, as will accidents and air pollution," he said.

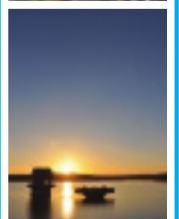
"The M20 corridor already suffers with bad air quality – an 80mph limit would simply make this worse."

TO ADVERTISE IN
THIS SECTION

Call 01303 817150

www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

BE PART
OF YOUR
COMMUNITY

Advertise here
Call 01303
817150
www.kentnews.co.uk



HEALTH CARE

Hospitals merger raises patient watchdog hackles

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

A HEALTH watchdog says newly published details about the proposed merger of two struggling hospitals fail to address patients' concerns.

Last week the boards of Medway NHS Foundation Trust, and Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, agreed to move forward with plans to combine a range of services at Medway and Darent Valley hospitals.

Children's services, A&E, maternity and outpatients will remain on both sites if the merger – the first of its kind in Kent – gets the go-ahead, but concerns remain that some people will have to travel long distances to access other treatments.

Mark Fittock, a governor of the Kent Local Involvement Network (LINK), said: "I live in Swanley and people here already have to travel a fair distance to Darent Valley following the closure of A&E and maternity at Queen Mary's Hospital (in Sidcup). If we have to go all the way down to Medway for other services

then it becomes quite difficult.

"It's even worse if you live somewhere like Sheerness, as getting to Darent Valley from there is a day's journey really.

"It's a good start that A&E and maternity services will be retained at both hospitals, but what about everything else? What we are trying to do is get them to be more specific."

In April Medway NHS Foundation Trust was criticised by the health watchdog Monitor for being in "significant breach" of the terms relating to its foundation trust status by failing to meet its financial plans.

And late last month the Government warned Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust was "on the brink of financial collapse" due to the spiralling cost of the Private Finance Initiative which funded Darent Valley.

The plan to merge the two trusts was first touted back in March. The hospitals will now develop detailed plans – with input from GP commissioners, staff and patients – which will need to be approved by Monitor and the Department of Health.

Medway chief executive Mark Devlin said: "Our local population is growing and has increasingly complex healthcare needs. We need to find ways of improving local hospital services and do more within our constrained budgets.

"By working together we can build on those aspects of our hospitals which already represent the very best of the NHS, and create a stronger range of local services for local people."

The merger process is expected to take about a year to complete and the trusts hope to become one organisation in the summer of 2012.

Mr Fittock, who will represent Kent LINK throughout the amalgamation, said patients will need assurances both hospitals will be given equal priority.

He said: "When Pembury Hospital was being built, management took their eye off the ball and let things go at Maidstone. We need to know how they're going to balance the needs of both communities."

■ For more news and sport see www.yourmedway.co.uk.

RECOGNITION

Biology head Rob is top teacher in country

AN Ashford School science teacher has won a national award at an event hosted by the Prince of Wales' stepson.

Head of biology Rob Turner was named top teacher at the Archant Good Schools Show, hosted by food writer and broadcaster Tom Parker Bowles.

Mr Turner, who joined the boarding school in 2004 and also rehearses one of its five rock bands, faced competition from across the UK.

Ashford School was also voted one of the top five boarding schools and was a runner-up in the outstanding contribution to the community.

Archant is a regional newspaper, magazine, contract printing and e-publishing media group, and owns this newspaper.

FOOD AND DRINK

Sheps rings changes

SHEPHERD Neame has bought the historic Bell Hotel in Sandwich for £3.6 million.

The famous 37-bedroom hotel is a further addition to the Kent brewery's growing estate, now totalling seven hotels and 450 rooms across the South East. The acquisition follows Shepherd Neame's recent purchase of the Fayreness Hotel in Broadstairs.

Retail director Nigel Bunting said: "The Bell is a well known, prestigious hotel, ideal for business travellers, visitors on short breaks, keen golfers and customers looking for a high-quality function venue."

Autumn
new collections

Newport

With a slight 'East coast of America' feel, the Newport range of sofas and chairs offer style and comfort at a easy price. They are available as scatter back or formal back in a wide choice of attractive fabrics.

e.g. Newport Three seat sofa

After Event Price £1299 **Now £995**

25-34 Roper Road, Canterbury CT2 7EL
01227 766655 www.lenleys.co.uk

FURNITURE · BEDS · CURTAINS · FLOORING · ACCESSORIES

exclusive to you...

LENLEYS

one**life** one**club**

Turn over a new leaf with Bannatyne's
and take advantage of our fantastic...



rest**of**the month**free**offer!*

Offer is strictly valid between 1st - 10th October 2011!

Call **01233 653700** today to reserve your space!



Eureka Leisure Park,
Ashford

01233 653700

B

Bannatyne's Health Club

www.bannatyne.co.uk

*Terms and conditions apply.

POLICE

'Naive' Iraq veteran slammed for police ambitions

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

AN ARMY veteran famed for an inspirational Iraq War speech has been branded "naive" after declaring his intention to become Kent's first police commissioner.

Colonel Tim Collins was awarded an OBE after delivering the morale-boosting message to troops – a copy of which was hung in the Oval Office by then-President George W Bush – on the eve of the conflict in March, 2003.

The Whitstable resident, who resigned from the Army a year later and now runs a firm training foreign policemen, announced this week that he wants to represent

the Conservatives in becoming Kent's first elected police commissioner.

But the chairman of Kent Police Federation, Ian Pointon, says the Northern Irishman could be in for a shock if his bid is successful.

"Col Collins served this country well and was an inspirational leader," he said. "But this is the police, not the military. It's a completely different world."

"I think he's shown a high degree of political naivety because Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are not going to be leading the police – that will still be the job of the chief constables. There will be no eve-of-battle speeches here."

Due to be introduced next



CANDIDATE: Col Tim Collins

year, PCCs will replace the police authorities currently responsible for hiring chief constables and holding them to account.

The chairwoman of Kent Po-

lice Authority is Ann Barnes, who sits as one of seven independent members alongside seven Tories, one Labour and one Lib Dem.

Col Collins – who this week told KoS reporters he was too busy to speak about his plans to stand in Kent – was born in Belfast and served in Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq before quitting the Army in 2004 after becoming disillusioned.

The 51-year-old told the Sunday Telegraph he was inspired by the achievements of former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, who reduced crime through tougher policing.

"He made New York a better place through community partnership and involving people, and I don't see why we

couldn't do the same," he said.

"This is a job for someone energetic and who is willing to work with the chief constable. It's important it doesn't become just a talking shop for knackered old policemen or a sunset gig for some trough-loving councillor."

Kent Police is currently battling to save £50 million over four years due to a 20 per cent cut in government funding.

Jobs are on the line as a result, including 500 officers and 1,000 support staff.

"A big point Col Collins missed about Rudy Giuliani was that he cut crime with rising police numbers," said Mr Pointon. "It wasn't just down to tougher policing and partnership working. It was be-

cause he had more cops than he did before, and we forget that at our peril."

"The role of the PCC takes us into potentially dangerous new ground around the politicisation of the police. They will have the power to hire and fire chief constables, which will present unwelcome pressure leading up to elections."

"I can't see what's fundamentally wrong with the current system. Is it perfect? Absolutely not, but I don't think it's broken. At a time when we're cutting officer numbers and budgets are shrinking, we would be better off spending the £2m it's going to cost per election on policing."

Kent Police Authority declined to comment.

TOURISM

Historic sites top the list for ultimate experience

IT MAY have given one of our humble towns a pasting earlier this year, but leading travel guide Lonely Planet has redeemed itself by selecting two of Kent's celebrated landmarks for its 'world's ultimate experience' list.

Canterbury Cathedral and Sissinghurst Castle Garden joined a host of other famous attractions, including Stonehenge in Wiltshire and the Tower of London, in the new guide to the 1,000 Ultimate Sights.

Listing everything from the world's most romantic views to the most bizarre monuments, the guide presents the unmissable spectacles the world has to offer.

In its pages are the 'Most Amazing Churches and Cathedrals' with Canterbury described as "top of the pops" among English cathedral cities, by the Lonely Planet authors.

It adds: "Non-believers may find themselves converted inside the extraordinary early-Gothic cathedral, filled with enthralling stories, striking architecture and a real and enduring sense of spirituality."

Further west in the county and



THE BEST: Canterbury Cathedral

the authors found Sissinghurst Castle Garden, in Cranbrook.

Admiring the "intimate spaces" and character, the guide heaps praise on the gardens and restaurant too: "The place is crammed with romantic features; an orchard, a rose garden, a nuttery, a moat."

Earlier this year, Lonely Planet gave a no-holds-barred description of Dover, calling it "down in the dumps". Tourism body Visit Kent defended the town, stating that most seaside towns in the UK had fallen on hard times.

Focusing on the positives of the guide, chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said the coverage would help attract new visitors.

FRANCE IN JUST 35 MINUTES

FROM ONLY **£44** per car, return*

Up to 4 departures per hour
Car and up to 9 passengers
No luggage or fuel supplements

BOOK NOW!
0870 335 1647
eurotunnel.com/kos

*Subject to availability. Bookings subject to conditions apply.

FOLKSTONE - ENGLAND

The complete broadband deal from BT.

FREE for 3 months, £13 a month thereafter.

Switch to BT Total Broadband
Call 0800 707 6049
bt.com/complete

BT
Bringing it all together

Line rental applies. £6 delivery for Hub.

Offer ends 22/12/2011. £13 a month from month 4. Available to new BT broadband customers that sign up for an 18 month minimum term and pay £13.90 a month line rental (usual package price is £7 a month for the first 3 months, then £14). Package includes BT Broadband Option 1, Unlimited Evening & Weekend Plan and a BT Home Hub (unless BT has already provided you with one). You need to pay by Direct Debit. Subject to availability. Terms apply. UK Calls: *Calls of up to an hour to 01, 02 & 03 numbers, excluding Channel Islands. Other exclusions apply. Calls to 0871 numbers will cost no more than 10.2ppm plus 12.5p set-up fee; calls to 070 no more than 51ppm, with a maximum set-up charge of 51p. See www.bt.com/personal/pricing. Customer Support: Calls from UK landlines only. Family Protection: You need to activate the service yourself. It may not work with some computer systems. See bt.com/broadband for details.

HEATdesign

Warming your world!

**WOODSTOVES • RANGE COOKERS
FIREPLACES • GAS FIRES • COOKSHOP**

Roper Close, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7EP
01227 457643 www.heatdesignkent.com

CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN

Pre-Christmas meal -

3 courses + coffee & mints

Lunch £14.95 pp / Dinner £19.95 pp

Christmas Day - £44.96 pp

Boxing Day - £15.95 pp

Please call for full menu details

COMFORT INN RAMSGATE
PROPERTY OF THE KENT & EAST SUSSEX COUNCIL

Victoria Parade, Ramsgate CT11 8DT

Tel: 01843 592 345 | www.comfortinnramsgate.co.uk



Valplast Flexible Dentures From £295



Flexibility, combined with strength
and light weight provides comfort
and great looks!

All work produced on premises

- Flexible • Affordable
- No shiny metal clasps
- Light-weight • Strong
- Positive retention
- No tooth preparation

- Hypo-allergenic
- Home visits available
- Comfortable soft lining
- GDC registered
- Clinical Dental Technician

**CANTERBURY
DENTURES**

www.canterburydentures.co.uk
e-shop: www.denturesdirectsales.co.uk

17a Burgate,
Canterbury, Kent
CT1 2HG
01227 781188

News

CHARITY

Amputee on 40km a day bike ride with 'wounded warriors'

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

A FORMER soldier who lost his leg while serving in Rwanda is taking to the saddle with other injured servicemen in a gruelling bike ride to help the nation's "wounded warriors".

Rob Copsey, from Dover, is currently riding side by side with injured soldiers from Britain and America in the inaugural Soldier Ride UK, where amputees and visually impaired – including one blind ex-serviceman – are tackling 40km a day in France and England.

Starting out last Sunday, the tough challenge – organised by ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Wounded Warrior Project and The British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association (BLESMA) – was expected to last a week, with visits to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Windsor Castle, and the D-Day landing beaches in France.

Mr Copsey, 40, who lost his right leg below the knee when he stepped on a landmin while serving in Rwanda during the genocide of 1994, spoke to KoS on the second day of the challenge.

"It's going well so far; the camaraderie between the soldiers is great and it's a good networking exercise where you can meet others with injuries and find out how they get on in life," he said.

"I have a prosthetic limb and so I use a standard mountain bike and just adjust my limb, but there are others who have lost limbs who have specially adjusted bikes while some have hand bikes where



FIGHTING FIT: Participants of Soldier Ride UK

they use their arms rather than their legs."

Many of the ex-soldiers taking part sustained blast injuries from improvised explosive devices on recent operations in Afghanistan.

In May, President Barack Obama officially started the US Soldier Ride, noting it would give "wounded warriors the confidence and support they need to recover".

Members of BLESMA, including Mr Copsey, volunteered to join the group for the first-ever UK event.

Mr Copsey was one of four finalists hoping to take part in the first unaided trek to the North Pole earlier this year involving Prince Harry, but unfortunately missed out in the final stages.

■ See www.yourdover.co.uk for all the latest news and sport headlines.

Why buy a new kitchen when you can just change your doors!!

Transforming an existing kitchen with made-to-measure kitchen doors and accessories and getting the personal attention to detail offered by the Kitchen Door Company, means your food preparation can be conducted amidst great style.



Alter your existing kitchen for a fraction of the cost of a new kitchen

• Replacement Doors from £24.00

Doors made to measure to fit any existing kitchen • Work Surfaces

• Handles / Sinks & Taps • Also Complete kitchens made to your specifications

• Over 40 Designs of Doors in 40 Different Colours

As an independent retailer, the company has got time to apply the personal touch when it comes to services.

Now with 40 door designs in more than 40 colours there are over 1,600 combinations of styles to choose from.

The
KITCHENDOORCOMPANY www.kitchendoorskent.com

159 High Street, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 5AQ Tel: 01227 375554 Email: sales@kitchendoorskent.com

AVIATION

Public reject 'Boris Island' in UK survey

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

BORIS Johnson's controversial plans for a floating airport in the Thames Estuary have been rejected by the public in a national survey commissioned by Medway Council.

More than three-quarters of 1,000 respondents said they did not believe an airport was needed off the north Kent coast, with 87 per cent stating that existing capacity, such as that at Manston in Thanet, should be used instead.

The ICM poll for Medway Council gathered public opinion on the London mayor's hopes of building a £70 billion airport on a man-made island in the Thames Estuary – dubbed Boris Island – to increase capacity in the South East.

The survey revealed widespread public opposition with almost nine out of 10 people instead backing the Government's current 'better not bigger' aviation policy, and 81 per cent arguing that £70bn was too much to spend on a new airport.

Medway Council leader Cllr Rodney Chambers, said: "It is a proposal that has already been dismissed by the airline industry and by the Government and this poll makes clear that no-one at all sees it as a serious option."

"Boris needs to listen to public opinion, admit it is a pie in the sky idea and drop it for good."

Since unveiling his plan three years ago, Mr Johnson has published two reports into the feasibility and need for a Thames Estuary airport. The findings of a further study are due imminently.

A spokesman for Mr Johnson said if the City was to retain its position as the "heartbeat of global business" then a new hub airport was an "absolute necessity".

"There is no question a serious aviation bottleneck is emerging in London and the South East that has the potential to strangle our national economy," he said. "Several sites have been publicised as possible locations for a new hub airport, but the mayor's priority at this stage is to ensure government gives acknowledgement to the need for greater aviation capacity in the South East."

■ See www.yourmedway.co.uk for news.



PIE IN THE SKY: London's mayor Boris Johnson

HEALTH

Vulnerable warned to get your flu jab now

PEOPLE at risk of complications from flu have been urged to get their flu jab early.

Pregnant women, everyone aged over six months with serious health conditions, and people over 65 are being urged by the NHS to get themselves vaccinated in the next few weeks.

Flu clinics are already up and running at some GP practices in Kent. This year's jab protects against swine flu and two other strains.

CHARITY

Hospice's £750,000 anniversary appeal

A Kent charity has marked its 20th anniversary of helping terminally ill children and adults in Romania by launching an appeal to raise £750,000 to build two new hospices.

Hospices of Hope, based at Otford, has shops in Ashford, Maidstone, Rochester, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. It has trained more than 12,000 doctors and nurses in Romania, Serbia, Albania and Moldova. See www.hospicesofhope.co.uk.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENING

THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 5.00PM-9.00PM



Festive inspiration and entertainment during the evening includes:

- * How to decorate your Christmas tree demonstration – 6.30pm
- * How to design the perfect looking Christmas Cake – 7.30pm
- * Live music from your local community
- * Fun children's Christmas crafts
- * Special festive menu in our restaurant – 4.30pm-8pm
- * The launch of Dobbies Wish Tree
- * £5 Voucher off your next purchase when you spend £25 on the night

Tickets just £1 which includes a festive mince pie and refreshment on arrival
All ticket proceeds will be donated to Action For Children

Dobbies Garden World | Rutherford Road | Eureka Leisure Park | Ashford | Kent | TN25 4BN | Tel: 01233 619 360

*Terms & conditions apply – see in-store for full details.



Dobbies
GARDEN WORLD

it's in our nature

www.dobbies.com

SAAB OUR SPECIALITY



**WITH TRAINED SAAB
SPECIALIST STAFF**

**WE ARE YOUR ONLY CHOICE FOR ALL
YOUR SAAB REPAIR AND MOT NEEDS
WE UNDERTAKE WORK ON ANY MAKE OR MODEL**

**TYRES, BATTERIES, EXHAUSTS
ALL AT COMPETITIVE PRICES**



RANGE ROAD, IND. EST., HYTHE

WWW.BANDDSPECIALISTCARS.CO.UK 01303 264700

News

Download your FREE **Kent News iPhone** and **iPad App**

NEW ANGLE: The modern setting of the Sunley Gallery, with the backdrop of yellow lines framing a circular window to the sea as part of Daniel Buren's work *Borrowing and Multiplying the Landscape*, offers a remarkable new way of looking at this iconic statue from another era



Mountains & Mistletoe

Loch Tummel Hotel STB ***
Perthshire

A five day break staying at our Loch Tummel Hotel. This attractively priced holiday is a celebration of the festive period to get you in the mood for Christmas and New Year. There will be an excursion everyday including entry to Blair Castle, Pitlochry & Dundee & Discovery Point, along with a wonderful party atmosphere in the hotel.

**All for just
£175
per person**

Includes

- 4 Nights Half Board
- Nightly Entertainment
- All Excursions
- Pickup from Margate, Birchington, Canterbury, Sittingbourne

Your special coach departs **Wednesday 14th December**

LOCHS & GLENS HOLIDAYS

Holidays are fully bonded
01389 713713
School Road, Gartocharn G83 8RW
www.lochs.com



ART

Contemporary unveiling for Rodin's historic kiss

By Ed Hill

ed.hill@archant.co.uk

ONE of the art world's most iconic works came to the Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate this week.

The Kiss by Auguste Rodin will be on display in the Sunley Gallery until September next year.

The sculpture, carved between 1901-04, is actually one of three made by the French artist in his lifetime.

It was commissioned by a wealthy American collector, Edward Perry Warren, who lived in Lewes, East Sussex. He could not purchase the original at the time because it was owned by the French government.

In 1914 the sculpture was loaned to Lewes Town Council and in 1955 it was purchased by the Tate Gallery for the nation. At the time the public fund raised amounted to £7,500.

Victoria Pomery, director of the Turner Contemporary Gallery said: "I have always been fascinated by this particular sculpture, having first seen it as a teenager.

"It is a key work. It has become one of those iconic images and it is very important for it to be part of our diverse programme here."

The sculpture has been placed in front of a work by French artist Daniel Buren framed by a backdrop of yellow lines, mirrors and the sea.

Ms Pomery said: "Taken out of the context of

London or Paris it looks very different here with the backdrop of the sea.

"This means we are looking freshly at a work that we all think we know well."

The Kiss was voted the public's favourite artwork in a poll in 2003.

It features the adulterous lovers Paolo Maletesta and Francesca da Rimini from Dante's *Inferno*. The couple develop affection for each other while reading the story of Lancelot and Guinevere. They are then killed by Francesca's jealous husband when he discovers them.

This is only the third time the work has been lent to a gallery outside London by the Tate.

Turner Contemporary is part of group of 18 galleries called Tate Plus. The members work together on exhibition and business planning.

Ms Pomery said: "This means we will get loans from the Tate on a regular basis. That includes some of our works which are currently on display as part of our second exhibition, *Nothing in the World but Youth*."

The life-sized statue has attracted controversy down the years. When it was on display in Lewes Town Hall in 1914 a headmistress successfully campaigned to have it draped with a cloth so it did not excite young soldiers billeted there.

Ms Pomery said: "In its time this work was incredibly challenging to society. It provoked a lot of criticism about the eroticism and the subject matter. We may not be so worried about those

Park Lodge Kingswood Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN2 4UJ

Part Exchange

to one of the final, attractive, well located and low maintenance apartments*



Final few left

Due to overwhelming sales success we're down to the last few apartments remaining!

Don't miss out!



Exclusively for the over 55's

We'll pay your estate agent fees, stamp duty & removal fees

Brand new 1 & 2 bedroom apartments in a fantastic leafy setting featuring: peace of mind with safety & security built in • Low running costs

• Lifts to all floors • Maintained gardens • Residents' lounge • Guest suite • House manager and much much more!

PLOT OF THE WEEK: Plot 36, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment priced to sell this week at just £169,950!**

1 bed apartments from £139,995 • 2 bed apartments (some with balconies) from £224,995

Open Thurs - Mon 10am - 5pm **t:** 0800 883 0483 **w:** fairview.co.uk

Fairview
NEW HOMES Ltd.

*Part exchange is available on selected homes for a limited period subject to agreement and contract, terms and conditions apply irrespective of location or fair market value of part exchange property. The availability of any incentive is strictly subject to utilising the services of a Fairview approved conveyancer and removal contractor. **Price quoted is net of any incentive. Offer not in conjunction with any other incentive. Photography of Park Lodge. Prices correct at time of publication.

bringing you the latest news ■ sport ■ video ■ jobs ■ cars and property  ...Just visit the Apple App Store

Pictures: PAUL JERREAT



sorts of things now but Rodin was like Turner – they were both challenging the art establishment of their time.”

The Sunley Gallery where the sculpture has been placed has been created so larger pieces of work can be shown.

Since it opened in April the Turner Gallery has had more than 250,000 visitors.

Ms Pomery said: “This sculpture will help to drive forward the very exciting programme we have going into 2012. Many of those 250,000 visitors are new to the area so we are already seeing the effect we are having in the town.”

“It is important we have iconic works like this here. We are a major national gallery after all.”

■ See www.yourthanet.co.uk for more news.

TO INFINITY: Mirrors on either side of Daniel Buren's work reflect modern reproductions of The Kiss, emphasising its new place in the modern world

LIVE EXPORTS

Anger as protestors hijack arrival of The Kiss to stage exports demo

COUNCIL chiefs in Thanet have slammed a demonstration opposing live animal exports, outside the Turner Contemporary on Tuesday as it unveiled Rodin's The Kiss.

Protestors wanted to highlight concerns about live exports coming through the port of Ramsgate.

But Thanet District Council leader Cllr Bob Bayford said: “The council is concerned by the opportunistic protest and the impact it may have both on Turner Contemporary and businesses in the area.”

“The fees charged for live animal exports are set to cover the costs incurred by the council. Our opposition to live exports has been made clear from the start. We are not happy about it and would prefer not to see Ramsgate being used for this purpose – we have no option but to remain strictly within the law.”

The Kent Action against Live Ex-



ports protest featured banners and a pantomime cow in a cage, mooring distressingly at passers by.

In a statement the group said: “We are here to demonstrate our opposition to the export of live animals through Ramsgate Port. In particular we oppose Thanet council who run the port and who, despite claiming they oppose this evil trade continue to profit from it.”

There have also been calls this week from the RSPCA to end the live animal trade.

BE PART
OF **YOUR**
COMMUNITY



Advertise
here

Call
**01303
817150**

**www.
kentnews
.co.uk**

Elephant

Conservatories • Orangeries • Windows • Doors



You're not just adding room you're adding style

Call **0800 195 0000** for further information or visit the showroom at
Newington Road, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 6PP

www.elephantwindows.co.uk

DOVER

Sail to France for less

DUNKIRK

CAR + 4
EACH WAY
FROM

£19

SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS



DOVER-DUNKIRK

DFDS.CO.UK

CALL: 0871 574 7307



**DFDS
SEAWAYS**

HEALTH CARE

Care home firm 'not like Southern Cross'

A CARE home operator responsible for almost 60 homes previously owned by health care provider Southern Cross has angrily denied accusations it too is in financial trouble.

Four Seasons Health Care, which runs five homes in Kent, says the GMB union is "substantially wrong" in claiming the firm is on the brink of collapse, and has blasted bosses for their "misleading and irresponsible" statement.

The GMB had warned residents taxpayers' money would have to be used to pay for their care in future because Four Seasons has debts of £750m and only £350m of assets. It claimed that as a result the company could be about to follow Southern Cross into administration.

However, Four Seasons says the £350m figure is a net asset which shows what remains after debts have been accounted for.

A spokesman said: "This could cause undue concern to residents and their families. Four Seasons is trading profitably with earnings of about £100m before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization.

"We own more than half of the facilities we operate and are therefore not so critically exposed to rents as Southern Cross was."

Southern Cross is currently in the process of offloading all 750 care homes in its portfolio following its financial collapse, with 57 being taken over by Four Seasons, including Copper Beeches in Rochester. The company also runs Ashurst Park in Fordcombe, near Tunbridge Wells; Beechcare in Darenth, near Dartford; Birkin Lodge in Tunbridge Wells; and Sutton Valence Care Home near Maidstone.

RECYCLING

Cameron's Big Society 'all talk', says founder of community service

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

THE founder of a cash-strapped community recycling firm has criticised the Government's Big Society initiative after his pleas for help were ignored.

Mark Wyatt, of Folkestone-based Kent Community Recycling, admits the not-for-profit organisation may go bust by the end of the month after losing 80 per cent of the funding it receives from Kent County Council.

A petition in support of the company has been signed by almost 1,000 people so far, but Mr Wyatt says Prime Minister David Cameron, his deputy Nick Clegg and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles have all shown their true colours by failing to reply to his letters.

"The so-called Big Society is a bit of a sore point as far as I'm concerned," he said.

"I don't really like talking about it because I'm not a comedian.

"What's hurtful is that apart from (Folkestone and Hythe MP) Damian Collins, no other politicians have shown any interest in helping us.

"The public have always been fully behind the initiative, otherwise we wouldn't have kept go-

ing, but the politicians are not involving with us.

"The Big Society is all talk really. What the Government doesn't realise is community groups like us have been around doing good work for years.

"We just don't blather on about it."

Established in 1989, Kent Community Recycling educates people about the true value of the materials they purchase and to pump any surplus cash it makes from recycling into community projects and local charities.

The organisation, which recycles one million kilos of unwanted goods per year, runs its own 'resource recovery plant' in Hawkinge and had originally hoped to expand into Sevenoaks and Sarre, near Canterbury, before the financial troubles hit.

Mr Wyatt said KCC cut the majority of its funding – worth about £110,000 a year – after an audit found the firm was unwittingly going against Government rules which forbid the inclusion of materials sourced from educational establishments.

"If we were profit-making and suddenly lost such a large percentage of our income, we would have seen the position as terminal and closed down," he said.




HARD HIT: Kent Community Recycling may close

"But as a civic amenity we have avoided it because we are told constantly by those for whom we work that they need us.

"During the last 12 months we have worked hard to recover from the massive drop in income and have done very well, but we still have a shortfall in our cash flow and need help.

"We have some irons in the fire which give us hope for the future, but should they not commit to supporting us by October 28, then we will sadly have no option but to close down."


■ Visit www.kentcommunityrecycling.org.uk or call 01303 893772 for more information.



CANTERBURY
cathedral

VOICE TRIALS

for boys aged 7 & 8
5 November 2011



Substantial scholarships are awarded and choristers enjoy the superb and extensive facilities of St Edmund's School.

Choir House & St Edmund's School OPEN DAY
October 8 from 10.00

The Master of Choristers, David Flood, is always pleased to meet and advise parents and their sons.

For further details please telephone
01227 865242
e-mail davidf@canterbury-cathedral.org

Canterbury Cathedral
114 High Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 6JF

The Denture Shop

- New Dentures & Denture Repairs
- Free Consultation
- Prompt & Reliable Service

We make the new flexible & unbreakable **VALPLAST** dentures

"So natural that nobody would guess"



35 King Street • Margate • Kent • CT9 1DD

01843 571117

GREENFIELDS SHOOTING GROUNDS



STAG/HEN PARTIES WORK / FAMILY GROUPS

Save £25.00 per person on normal prices

Min 8 persons £40.00 for 25 shots £45.00 for 50 shots
Min 15 persons £40.00 for 50 shots includes full instructions, use of guns, ammunition and hearing protection

For more information or to book, please call

01227 713 222

HAVE A GO Every Sunday Morning 25 shots with a qualified instructor for only £12.50

Greenfields Shooting Grounds, Sturry Hill, Sturry Nr Canterbury, Kent CT2 0NG
sales@greenfieldsshooting.co.uk www.greenfieldsshooting.co.uk

COMPETITION

Win family tickets to the Leeds Castle fireworks



THIS fireworks night, Leeds Castle is the perfect setting to watch a magnificent display set to music and also enjoy a variety of entertainment in the grounds.

Bring the family on November 5-6 to watch spectacular fireworks set to space-themed music, which will include well known theme tunes from film and television.

New this year, the Leeds Castle fireworks will be let off from floating pontoons on the moat and create beautiful reflections in the water surrounding the historic castle.

Before the display, there will be an open-air screening of a space-themed film to entertain children, along with face-painting and fair-ground rides.

And jazz singer Adam Chandler and his band will provide entertainment for the adults.

For the more adventurous, there will be the opportunity to try zorbing in inflatable spheres.

Gates open at 2pm, with last admission at 5pm and fireworks start at approximately 5.30pm.

Supported by Heart FM, the Leeds Castle Fireworks Spectacular is the perfect backdrop

to your fireworks night. Tickets are £18 for adults, £10 for children under 16 and under 4s go free if reserved at the time of booking. Group rates are available for 15 people or more priced at £15 for adults and £9 for children.

All tickets must be booked in advance online at leeds-castle.com/events or by calling the Leeds Castle Box Office on 01622 880008. A booking fee of £2.50 per transaction applies to all orders. Key to the Castle tickets are not valid for this event.

SPECTACULAR: Fireworks at Leeds Castle are a truly spectacular sight to see

We have three family tickets (each for three adults and two children) for Sunday, November 6, to be won.

To enter the competition answer this question:

Who is supporting the Leeds Castle Fireworks?

A. Heart FM

B. Radio 1

C. Capital FM

Text FIREWORKS (space) answer, name and address and send to 64343. Texts cost £1 plus standard network rates.

Entries received after the closing date of October 18, 2011, will not be counted but you may still be charged.

Your number may be used by Archant KOS Media. If you do not wish to receive information on any other products or services, please text EXIT at the end of your message.

The service provider is JMedia UK Ltd, SE1 0QX, telephone 0844 800 1188.



END OF SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE OF LOG CABINS

Johnson's Garden Buildings

BACA 3m x 3m (9'10" x 9'10")  Single Glazed with Felt Roof was £1859 NOW £1699	VANCOUVER 3m x 3m (9'10" x 9'10")  Single Glazed 28mm was £1999 NOW £1499 Double Glazed 28mm was £2299 NOW £1799	DELTA 2.6m x 2.6m (8'6" x 8'6")  Single Glazed with Felt Roof was £1659 NOW £1399
--	---	--

0845 45 99 444 www.johnsonsgardenbuildings.co.uk
 Call now for a free colour brochure

Johnson's Nursery (Old Thurst Wagon, near McDonalds, Chestfield, Wintborne, CT3 3JD)	Norwich Garden Centre Outside Display Area Newham Court Village, Marham, NE14 5LH	Pullard Garden Centre Outside Display Area London Rd, Luddeshal, Sevenoaks, TN11 7AD	Tandridge Wells Garden Center, Erith Road, Tandridge Wells, TN48 8HH
--	---	--	--

Visit us to see the best display of log cabins in the south east

ELDORADO 5m x 5m (16'5" x 16'5")  was £4799 NOW £3995 6m x 5m was £5299 NOW £4595	PLUS HALF PRICE VERANDA  ON ANY SUITABLE CABIN	SPRINGFIELD 4m x 3m (13'1" x 9'10")  Double Glazed was £3299 NOW £2995
--	--	--

*OPTIONAL FELT SINGLE ROOF COVERING WHERE SHOWN AVAILABLE AT EXTRA COST



Mountains & Mistletoe

Loch Awe Hotel STB ★★★
 Argyllshire

A five day break staying at our Loch Awe Hotel. This attractively priced holiday is a celebration of the festive period to get you in the mood for Christmas and New Year. There will be an excursion everyday including the Inveraray, Arrochar, entrance to Cruachan Power Station, Oban & Stirling, along with a wonderful party atmosphere in the hotel.

All for just
£186
 per person

Includes

- 4 Nights Half Board
- Nightly Entertainment
- All Excursions
- Pickup from Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Strood, Gravesend, Northfleet, Dartford, Birchanger Services

Your special coach departs Thursday 1st December

LOCHS & GLENS HOLIDAYS

Holidays are fully bonded
01389 713713
 School Road, Garrochar G83 8RW
www.lochs.com

MARINE

Offshore wind farms could be helping sea creatures to thrive

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

MARINE researchers have uncovered new evidence suggesting offshore wind farms could have a positive impact on species living beneath the waves.

It follows years of uncertainty over the effect construction and operation could have on sea species and seabird sanctuaries, where noise and disturbance from construction and operation were believed to have a negative impact.

But research by the Institute for Marine Resources and Ecosystem Studies found that offshore wind farms could act as a new type of habitat for species.

Professor Han Lindeboom said studies on a wind farm off the Dutch North Sea coast showed fish communities were thriving around wind turbines.

"Only minor effects upon fish

assemblages, especially near the monopiles, have been observed. Some fish species, such as cod, seem to find shelter inside the farm," he said.

"The wind farm acts as a new type of habitat with a higher biodiversity of benthic organisms (which live near the seabed), a possibly increased use of the area by fish, marine mammals and some bird species, and a decreased use by several other bird species."

Kent has two offshore wind farms, one off the coast of Thanet comprising of 100 turbines – currently the biggest in the world – and the Kentish Flats, a 30-turbine farm off the coast of Herne Bay.

Construction is currently underway on the London Array in the Outer Thames Estuary, which will boast 341 turbines when completed in 2012, becoming the world's biggest

and generating enough electricity for 480,000 homes in Kent.

Previous research carried out on the impact of the farms on marine life had suggested noise caused by pile-driving had a negative effect on sea species.

Other studies revealed concerns over changes to feeding patterns as the turbines became artificial reefs and changes to prey occurred, and the potential stress caused to sea mammals from changes in noise and vibrations.

The Marine Conservation Society said that although it supported offshore wind energy, development sites must be chosen carefully.

A spokesman said: "Developments must be sensitively located, where their potential impacts on marine life, natural physical processes, seascape and other users of the sea are minimised from the outset."



MAN-MADE REEF: Thanet currently boasts the world's biggest offshore farm, which could be good news for the area's marine life according to the latest evidence

MASSIVE MONDAY SAVINGS

Get an extra

20% OFF

Cartridge World ink cartridges this October*



**SAVE
£££s**



*Only at promoting store(s) on promotional dates stated.
Applies to Cartridge World branded ink cartridges only.
Excludes original manufacturers cartridges.

Visit your local store and save!

5 Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, ME10 4BX
01795 42 12 12
cwsittingbourne@cartridgeworld.co.uk
6-7 Upper Bridge Street, Canterbury, CT1 2NA
01227 76 00 11
cwcanterbury@cartridgeworld.co.uk
57 Union Street, Maidstone, ME14 1ED
01622 76 47 77
cwmaidstone@cartridgeworld.co.uk

11 Watling Street, Chatham, ME5 7EP
01634 58 10 10
cwchatham@cartridgeworld.co.uk
5 The Michael Gill Building, Tolgate Lane, Strood, ME2 4TG
01634 72 72 36
cwstrood@cartridgeworld.co.uk



Cartridge World®
Why pay more to print?

REFILL - NOT LANDFILL®

www.cartridgeworld.co.uk

ZEN CAR FACTORS

End of life vehicles wanted for cash

Top prices paid for all grades of iron and steel

Authorised treatment facility
(Environment Agency approved)

Certificate of destruction notices issued

Car collection arranged

Vehicle dismantler

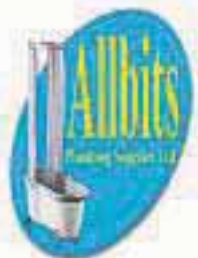
Vehicle spares for sale/self-service yard

Public weighbridge/vehicle parts

Skips for scrap metal

Richborough Road, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9JE
Fax: 01304 612344 Email: info@zenmotorfactors.co.uk

Tel 01304 613198



VISIT OUR **MASSIVE** SHOWROOM

LARGE RANGE OF BATHROOM SUITES ON DISPLAY

HEAR OUR
ADVERT ON
heart 103.1 102.8



- LOCAL PLUMBING SUPPLIERS ALLBITS, OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS TO TRADE AND RETAIL
- FROM FULL BATHROOM SUITES TO TAP WASHERS
- ALLBITS ARE COMPETITIVELY PRICED AND OFFER A QUALITY SERVICE WITH SOUND ADVICE

Opening Hours
Mon-Fri 7.30-5.30
Sat 9.00-4.00



ALL Prices Include VAT at 20%

ALLBITS Plumbing Supplies

Unit 60, John Wilson Industrial Estate,
Whitstable, Kent, CT5 3QT

Call us now: 01227 281648



EDUCATION

Kate was former pupil of history-making Kent head

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

THE Duchess of Cambridge's former classics teacher has become the first female head in a Kent school's 262-year history.

Louise Moelwyn-Hughes, 40, taught the former Kate Middleton when the newest addition to the Royal family was just a teenager studying for her GCSEs at Marlborough College in Wiltshire.

But the new head of Canterbury's St Edmund's School, who was also Princess Eugenie's housemistress, had to make do with watching her most famous ex-pupil tie the knot on television like everyone else.

"They were both fabulous, very down-to-earth girls," said Mrs Moelwyn-Hughes.

"They were very lovely and bright, and I got on with them in the same way I got on with all my pupils.

"It never crossed my mind that one day Catherine would marry into royalty, which isn't to say I didn't think she was cut out for it. She was just a very straightforward girl getting on with her everyday school life.

"It was a bit strange watching someone I had taught get married on live television, but it was a wonderful day and I was obviously very happy for her."

A member of the exclusive Headmasters and Headmistress' Conference, St Edmund's School is an independent mixed day and boarding school for pupils aged three to 18.

About 18 per cent of the 200 girls and 350 boys at the school are boarders, with the remainder almost a 50-50 split of boys and girls.

"Sometimes parents stick to the stereotype that all boys misbehave and all girls are very studious, so a lot of parents would prefer to send their daughters to girl-only schools," said Mrs Moelwyn-Hughes.

"Therefore you tend to find the majority of pupils at mixed schools are boys. But that's not the case at St

Edmund's, which reflects the real world and makes for a very well-balanced atmosphere."

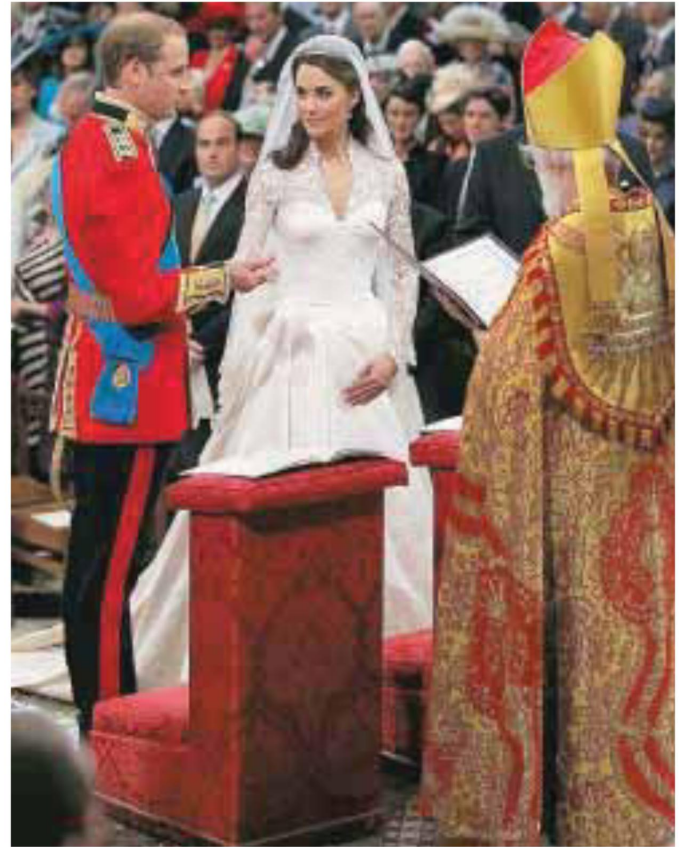
Before becoming the school's first-ever female headteacher, Mrs Moelwyn-Hughes was also the first female deputy head in Marlborough College's almost 400-year history.

"It's a real privilege, but in this day and age you just accept it and get on with the job," she said.

"But the governors made it clear I earned the job on merit and that they weren't looking to break any barriers. They wanted the right person.

"I hope to bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the role. I respect the history and tradition of St Edmund's and the school is well-known for its achievements in music and drama, but I'm keen to promote the academic aspects further."

■ For more news and sport see www.yourcanterbury.co.uk.



HAPPY DAY: Mrs Moelwyn-Hughes (left) watched former pupil Kate Middleton on TV

FOR ALL YOUR ENERGY REDUCTION NEEDS

TURN DAYLIGHT INTO INCOME WITH PV SOLAR PANELS



Save £114 per year on your electricity bills
(On average)

Earn money on the electricity you feed to the grid
(On average £823 per year TAX FREE)

Which is guaranteed for 25 years

Reduce your carbon footprint

TAKE US UP ON OUR FREE INSULATION OFFER

INSULATION GRANTS AVAILABLE (BUT NOT FOR LONG)

The current grant scheme entitling all homeowners to subsidised cavity wall and loft insulation are due to expire in 2012. There are no proposed replacements or any suggestions of extending the current scheme.

That's the message going out to anyone considering insulating their home who has not yet got around to it.



Call free today on
0500 223226 for your free,
no obligation quote

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Insulating your home may be free of charge if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits or, if anyone in the household is over 70 years of age.

- State Pension Credit
- Disability Living Allowance
- Income Support • Attendance Allowance
- Council Tax Benefit
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit*
- Working Tax Credit*
- Disabled Persons Tax Credit**
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance

*Income must be below £16,040

** Must include constant attendance allowance

ADVANTAGES

CAVITY WALL INSULATION

- Grants expiring in 2012
- Save up to £110 on your heating bills
- 25 year guarantee
- Payback period of under two years (subsidised grants)

LOFT INSULATION

- Grants expiring in 2012
- Save up to £145 on your heating bills
- Payback period of under two years (subsidised grants)

Downs
INSULATION & ELECTRICAL LTD
0500 223226

www.downsinsulation.com

"For all your energy efficiency needs"

It pays to advertise

Call 01303 817150

www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

Searching for the next of kin of:

Mr David Bodman (Deceased)
Who died 23 December 2000,
Croydon

Please contact: NPI in Peterborough
on **0845 301 0160**,
when phoning please quote
our ref: 7807107006



Special offer - FREE buffet
on all bookings (with a £100 deposit) **at**

*"JOJO's function room above the Queen Victoria,
Herne Bay"*

**BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS
PARTY NOW!**

We can also organise a DJ, Karaoke or live music for you

Call now on 01227 373664

The Queen Victoria 108 High Street,
Herne Bay CT6 5JY

News

BUSINESS

Welcome for 'credit easing' cash loans to county's small firms

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

BUSINESSES across the county have broadly welcomed news of a multi-billion pound programme designed to avoid a new credit crunch, announced by Chancellor George Osborne.

The new mechanism of 'credit easing' was unveiled at the Conservative Party conference amidst worries that bank lending could seize up in the wake of fears over the Eurozone.

Mr Osborne has put forward some previously untried means to attempt to get the economy moving.

Credit easing could see tens of billions of pounds made available to small and medium enterprises as they would be able to bypass the banks when it comes to loans.

Andrew Alves, development manager of the Kent and Medway Federation of Small Businesses said: "The credit easing measure could be a significant development that would open up a new finance stream to viable businesses.

"The FSB hope this scheme will be run through an arm's length organisation that has the procedures and processes already set up, such as UKFI (UK Financial Investments Ltd, a Government economic management body), so it can be implemented as soon as possible.

"With 30 per cent of businesses believing they missed their growth opportunity in the last year as a result of not getting finance from their bank, we look forward to working with Government to ensure it can benefit the very smallest of businesses that want to invest and grow."

The funding for credit easing will come from the Treasury, but details on how the scheme will operate are still at an early stage. It is most likely that small

Business Week Live



TRYING TO HELP:
Chancellor George Osborne has announced a credit easing scheme to enable small businesses to borrow money without having to battle with high street banks

business loans will be packaged together and guaranteed by the Government. These packaged securities could then be sold in the bond markets – similar to the corporate bond structure in place in the USA.

Experts believe the Bank of England will be tasked with running the programme – which is a way for the Treasury to inject credit more directly into small businesses, without relying on the banks.

By circumventing the banks, it's hoped rates of interest charged on loans will fall significantly, and better reflect the current rock-bottom Bank of England base rate.

Mr Alves also added a note of caution to his optimism.

"The Chancellor announced some welcome measures to help small businesses," he said.

"However, it is difficult to regard the Conservative Party as the party of small businesses only days after it introduced a raft of new and costly employment regulations which will hinder small firms' growth plans and burden them with yet more red tape.

"The FSB welcome steps to help inject money into small firms, but need to see more detail so look forward to working with the Government on this."

■ To find out more about how credit easing may be able to benefit your company, book your free place at Archant KOS Media's Business Week Live exhibition and conference on October 26 at Dover Cruise Centre. See the website at www.businessweeklive.co.uk for more information.



Save your phone bill, Save your time.

Text **07890 333 333** with your name, location and destination then we'll text you back with an arrival time.



Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

01843 333 333 Northdown Rd, Margate

New - now book online www.thanettaxis.com

Need a taxi?

Thanet Cars

COMPETITION

Win tickets to a show that rocks

HIGH School Rocks! is a high energy, foot stomping, totally interactive production featuring all the very best hits from High School Musical 1, 2, and 3, Hannah Montana, Camp Rock, and Glee.

The High School Musical phenomenon, together with Miley Cyrus from Hannah Montana – The Movie, the hugely successful film Camp Rock with The Jonas Brothers and the Glee Club, are all paid tribute to in this amazing show coming to the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Sunday, October 30, at 2.30pm.

Join the superb cast for a rollercoaster ride of fun, as they invite you to the ultimate party to celebrate all of these awesome teen sensations in one fantastic concert.

Don't forget your dancing shoes and be prepared to rock out as High School Rocks! arrives.

Two winners will each get a family ticket (for four people), and to be in with a chance of winning just answer this question:

On October 30, 2011, where will the show for High School Rocks! be held?

A - Canterbury

B - Tunbridge Wells

C - Maidstone

To enter, text SCHOOL (space) answer, name and address and send to 64343. Texts cost £1 plus standard network rates.

Entries received after the closing date of October 13, 2011, will not be counted but you may still be charged.

Your number may be used by Archant KOS Media. If you do not wish to receive information

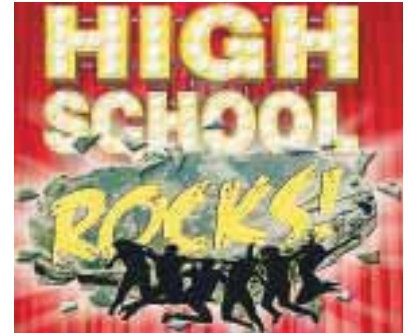
on any other products or services, please text EXIT at the end of your message.

The service provider is JMedia UK Ltd, SE1 0QX, call 0844 800 1188.

But if you don't win, don't worry you can still buy tickets from the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or go to the website at www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk for more details.



SHOW YOUR GLEE: High School Rocks is a celebration of all the teen musical TV shows



MASSIVE COLLECTION - TOTALLY AMAZING

Oak & Pine

AUTUMN PRICE ADVENTURE

HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS AT 20% OFF SOME AS LOW AS 1/2 PRICE

'Moreno' Oak Dining/Occ. Collection
eg small dresser (oil finish) ~~£1259.90~~ **£995** **Saving £264**



'Oregon' Oak
Display Cabinet
~~£459.90~~
£229.90



Painted Bedroom Collection
eg 2 door wardrobe ~~£499.90~~ **£389.90** **Saving £100**



20%
OFF

'Badger' Bookcase
6" (9" shelf) ~~£169.80~~
£135.80

1/2
PRICE

Bedside
Cabinet ~~£88~~
£44



1/2
PRICE

Oak Computer
Desk ~~£399.50~~
£199.75



1/2
PRICE

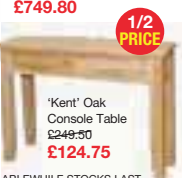


'Venice Oak'
Extending Table
& 4 Bonded Leather
Chairs Set
~~£1498~~ **£599**

1/2
PRICE

20%
OFF

'Welland' Triple
Wardrobe ~~£949.80~~
£749.80



1/2
PRICE

'Oregon' Oak
Sideboard ~~£299.90~~
£199



1/2
PRICE

Small Oak
Cupboard
~~£259~~
£129



1/2
PRICE

Oak Long Nest of
Tables ~~£279.80~~
£139.75



1/2
PRICE



'Grandeur' Oak Bedroom Collection eg 3+2 chest of
drawers ~~£449.80~~ **£359.80** **20% OFF**

ALL OFFERS AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST

Landlord insurance

Costs less than you
might think



(Your quote must provide cover on an equivalent basis to ours. New policyholders only. Subject to minimum premium and qualifying criteria. Not available in NI)

HELPFUL EXTRAS

- Personal claims handler for each case
- Accidental damage cover for buildings as standard

Call **0845 301 5043**

or visit

directline.com/landlord



direct line



PINE & THINGS
Furnishers

Wincheap Road (junc. with A2, Retail Park) Canterbury, Kent CT1 3TY



www.pineandthings.co.uk **Tel: 01227 470283** ESTABLISHED 30 YEARS. OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Christmas at...

The Mansion & Gardens, Port Lympne



Bespoke Christmas Parties Shared Christmas Parties New Years Eve

To book or for further information
call **01303 234111** or email
enquiries@aspinalfoundation.org



News

ECONOMY

Campaigners keep up the pressure for a fuel duty cut

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

WIDESPREAD fury over extortionate petrol prices could force a debate in Parliament, sparking hope for a reduction in fuel duty.

More than 100,000 people have signed an e-petition on a new Government website to demand that planned fuel duty increases are scrapped and a mechanism introduced to stabilise prices at the pumps.

The petition was created by Harlow MP Robert Halfon as part of the Fair Fuel UK campaign, which was founded by Folkestone resident and campaigner Peter Carroll.

It was the third e-petition to receive 100,000 signatures – the amount needed to force a Parliamentary debate – since the new website was set up by Government in July.

A bid for a debate on the fuel issue will be officially put forward next week.

But while protesters celebrated the landmark achieve-



CAMPAIGNING: Peter Carroll

ment, they stressed the need to keep pressure on the Government and called on Kent to lend support to the movement.

Mr Carroll urged people to also sign-up to the 140,000-strong Fair Fuel UK petition, which is being led by himself and former Top Gear presenter Quentin Willson.

"One thing I'm confident about is that the Government won't listen unless the number of people involved is gargantuan," said Mr Carroll.

"In an economy that's not growing and inflation that's rising, this is the magic key. Reducing fuel duty will give people more money. It would be the medicine for the economy."

"But it's a bigger issue than just home costs: carers can't afford to get out and see patients; small businesses are laying people off; I've seen friends in the haulage industry go bankrupt."

The fuel duty petition is being backed by some leading economists who believe it could be the key to helping the economy.

Phil Thornton, of Clarity Economics, said: "Cutting fuel duty offers an easy to implement and fast acting way of providing that boost to growth."

Mr Carroll added: "I want to see signatures double or treble that 140,000 number in the next few weeks."

"People need to wake up and see that this is a serious issue."

■ To sign the petition go to www.fairfueluk.com/index.html.

■ More news and sport at www.yoursheway.co.uk.

- Sheds
- Decking
- Fencing • Gates • Trellis
- Bespoke Garden Buildings
- All items supplied and fitted or supply only

T: 01227 712 913 F: 01227 713 400
E: sales@quinneys.com www.quinneys.com

Walden Forest Park,
Horne Common (Next to Wildwood)
Horne Bay Kent CT6 7LQ

Opening Hours:
Monday - Friday
8.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday
8.00am to 2.00pm

QUINNEYS
Fencing & Structural Building Manufacturers

Kent County Council
Trading Standards Approved

JOHN BUTCHER BROS

Minimum prices payable: Immediate Cash Payments

Bright wire £4000 per tonne
New production Brass cuttings £2800 per tonne
Round Copper Tanks £50 each
Square Copper Tanks £70 each
Household Cable £1300 per tonne
All other non-ferrous metals purchased for cash

Unit 11-12 Canterbury Industrial Park, Island Road,
Hersden, Canterbury, Kent CT3 4HQ

Tel 01227 713850

Prices applicable until 11th October 2011

THE WEDDING SHOW

Win a dream honeymoon when you attend the fantastic Wedding Show

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

THE Wedding Show which takes place at Leeds Castle next weekend, October 15-16, will truly be something to behold – and just the thing for a couple planning their big day.

Everything a bride and groom could ever want will be on display to ensure they can choose the dream dress, accessories and services which will provide a lifetime of amazing memories.

And there will be a selection of wonderful prizes to be won – including dream honeymoons – in a range of free to enter draws.

The event organised by Archant KOS Media offers four magical and inspirational catwalk shows on each of the two days with wondrous collections of exquisite bridal designs, couture ladies' fashions, lingerie and men's attire.

These displays, held in a luxurious grand marquee in the beautiful grounds of the ancient stately home, are co-ordinated and professionally choreographed by the team at Catwalkers who specialise in creating the "wow factor".

They will give visitors the opportunity to view the latest creations and meet with experts afterwards who will help choose the perfect outfit.

Leeds Castle – known as Castle of Queens: Queen of Castles – for its royal connections has also attracted the accolade 'the loveliest castle in the world'.

It is one of the most romantic buildings in Britain and the ideal place to showcase a dream wedding as swans glide on the moat, peacocks wander thorough the grounds and hot air balloons rise spectacularly over the stunning historic battlements.

Claire Sweeney, star of stage and screen, will be hosting the event.

She said: "I am delighted to be hosting The Wedding Show at Leeds Castle and look forward to



Picture: ALFIE & TRISH PHOTOGRAPHY

DREAM HONEYMOON: Among the prizes to be won at The Wedding Show at Leeds Castle, pictured left, are a honeymoon in Mauritius and a stay in South Africa which comes with an elephant walk.

meeting you there."

The event will feature 120 stands offering everything a bride and groom need for their big day.

Prizes to be won include a honeymoon with Isibindi African lodges and Safari Sun staying at the Rhino Post Safari Lodge in South Africa's Kruger National Park and on the coast at Thonga Beach Lodge. A special feature will be a walking elephant safari for the winners.

There is also another romantic holiday to be won on the paradise playground of Mauritius, along with gym membership for a couple and their families, jewellery, suit hire, home protection and handmade stationery.

For the grooms there is a charity draw with the prize the chance to drive to their wedding in the famous DeLorean time travelling car – fresh from Hollywood where it was used to mark the 25th anniversary of the movie in which it starred, Back to the Future.

Entertainments at this most romantic of venues include harpists, a singer and band, a charity casino and for refreshment there is a Champagne bar along with the usual facilities.

■ See www.weddinglink.co.uk for details and to book tickets.



SPECIAL DAY: Claire Sweeney hosts the show, where grooms-to-be will be in with a chance of winning the iconic DeLorean as their wedding car

Worry free means everything is included



- Free Servicing and maintenance
- Free Replacement tyres and windscreen
- Free Breakdown Cover
- No Credit Check necessary
- Free comprehensive insurance for two drivers
- Free Parking sensors
- Free Road tax

Motability
The leading car scheme for disabled people

www.motability.co.uk

Not sure if you qualify for a Motability car? Call 0800 953 4002

Fiesta Zetec 5 Door



NIL ADVANCE PAYMENT

C-Max Zetec



From £395 ADVANCE PAYMENT

All New Focus 1.6 Automatic



£295 ADVANCE PAYMENT

Grand C-Max 7 Seater



From £995 ADVANCE PAYMENT

Use your higher rate mobility component living allowance or the war pensioners mobility supplement

HOME VISITS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Invicta Motors
For a better motoring experience



Motability
The leading car scheme for disabled people



Ford Ashford
Orbital Park, Ashford TN24 0HT
Tel: 0844 499 2171



Ford Canterbury
59 Sturry Road, Canterbury CT1 1DR
Tel: 0844 499 2295



Ford Thanet
Margate Road, Thanet, Westwood, CT12 6SJ
Tel: 0844 856 4133

GO ONLINE AND...

- ✓ Get your vehicle valued.
- ✓ Book your Service.
- ✓ View live videos of our stock
- ✓ View over 3000 vehicles in group stock

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK MON-FRI 8.30am-7.00pm SAT 8.30am-5.30pm SUN 10.00am-4.00pm

Offer valid on cars from Invicta Motors. †Ford Cars only.

EXHIBITION

STRIKING: Five artists have come together to create the Red List exhibition which will be on display at the Sidney Cooper Gallery in Canterbury



Artists go back to nature to get endangered message across

By Steve Knight
steve.knight@archant.co.uk

EYE-CATCHING images depicting man's relationship with the endangered world have gone on display in Canterbury.

The Red List exhibition, which runs at the Sidney Cooper Gallery until November 12, features the work of five artists including Ramsgate sculptor Stephen Melton and Margate

"dust artist" Paul Hazelton.

Among the works on display are Mr Melton's Bee Museum, which represents the disappearance of bees from around the world, and The Thornback Ray which highlights the issue of endangered fish being caught in local seas.

Sidney Cooper Gallery curator Hazel Stone said: "The Red List brings together five inspirational artists to create an exhibition which explores issues of invasion, extinction, threat and

ownership of nature.

"We hope the artists' works will help inspire people to be considerate towards nature and more attentive to the impact humans can have on their environment and the animals within it."

A series of six prints from American photographer Richard Barnes' Animal Logic series are also on display at the exhibition, as well as two from Neeta Madahar's Suste-

nance collection.

Meanwhile, a film entitled Old Bird by Ben Rowley is also on display and observes a bird close to the end of its life in what has been described as a "moving and powerful" piece.

The artwork is accompanied by panels displaying research text from the Ecology Research Group at Canterbury Christ Church University's department of geography and life sciences.

■ Visit www.canterbury.ac.uk/sidney-cooper or call 01227 453267 for more information.

■ More news and sport at www.yourcanterbury.co.uk.

CRIME

Rape victim just five when 11 years of abuse by 'sex predator' started

A PAEDOPHILE who raped and abused two children for more than a decade has been jailed for 13 years.

Lee Hewitt, 31, of Canada Road, Erith, was found guilty of nine of the 11 offences put before Maidstone Crown Court, including rape, indecent assault, indecency with a child, and sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 13.

During the two-and-a-half week trial, the jury heard how Hewitt regularly sexually abused two girls – one of whom was just five when the offences started – between 1993 and 2004.

Judge Philip Statman said: "This court saw both females give evidence and speak of what you had done to them in an extremely brave manner.

"One of these girls stated she had felt dirty and used."

Hewitt was found guilty of four counts of indecently assaulting a child, one count of indecency with a child, three counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a child under



PREDATOR: Hewitt was jailed

the age of 13, and one count of rape.

A 10-year sexual prevention order was issued by the judge, and Hewitt will also be required to be on the sex offenders' register for life.

Det Con Anne-Marie McAteer, who carried out the investigation, said: "We welcome the significant sentence that has been handed down and which finally brings

this sexual predator to justice.

"Hewitt preyed on these children for more than a decade, repeatedly and regularly sexually abusing them without a thought for the harm and suffering he was causing.

"The success of this investigation would not have been possible without the sheer bravery of the victims and they should be commended for their courage in coming forward to report these crimes.

"Without their courage, this case would never have come to court.

"I hope the sentence imposed today will allow the victims to continue to rebuild their lives, safe in the knowledge that this man will remain in prison for some time.

"I also hope this sentencing will give past and present victims of these types of offences the confidence to come forward to report these crimes, knowing that those responsible will be brought to justice."



The right insurance cover for the right price!

Car insurance • Van Insurance • Home insurance • High Value insurance • Commercial insurance



We search the market so you don't have to!

- ▶ We can reduce your insurance premiums
- ▶ The right cover, without compromise
- ▶ Exceptional customer service
- ▶ We search our panel of insurance partners to find you the best deal
- ▶ We support local business
- ▶ 24 hour customer help line



Start saving today!
0844 247 3361

Visit our website today – we search the market to save you money

www.insureitright.co.uk

In association with: Archant KOS Media
Insure it right is a trading style of Flint Insurance who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority

Barretts Servicing News

For all your motoring updates

www.barrettskent.co.uk

October 2011

FABULOUS SERVICING SAVINGS

GET READY FOR WINTER

INCLUDED IN YOUR WINTER CHECK:

- Lights
- Brakes
- Tyres
- Oil
- Battery
- Steering
- Clutch
- Wiper Blades
- Fluid Levels
- Suspension
- Exhaust
- Horn
- Cables
- Drive Shaft
- Engine Noise
- Pipes
- Gaitors
- Catalyst
- Anti Freeze



**INCLUDES ALL
TOP-UP FLUIDS**

get a grip

A fast, efficient and professional service with a significant savings is what you'll get from Barretts on a huge selection of branded tyres.

From a single tyre to a complete set of leading brand names at great prices that include new valves, balancing, fitting and VAT. Most importantly we also dispose of your old tyres correctly.

All Barretts we also offer an end of year discount and four wheel geometry checks.

The next time you're in need of a new set of tyres, visit us at Barretts and we'll get you on your way.

For more information or a quotation please call us on 0845 872 5698

**CITROËN: Front Wiper Blades £29 supplied & fitted
Brake Pads £95 supplied & fitted
Brake Pads and Discs £215 supplied & fitted**

SEAT AND CITROËN: 3 year plus servicing from £99.99

**For these offers and many more please call 0845 872 5698
Our service advisors will be happy to help**

Win back the cost of your service FREE!

Customers to the Barretts Service Centre in Malthouse Road, Canterbury will have the opportunity to win back the cost of any routine service on their Citroen or SEAT during October to December 2011. To take part in this amazing offer all you need to do is simply book your routine service to be completed in this period and you will be entered into our monthly prize draw absolutely FREE!

To make your chance possible, contact our friendly service team on 0845 872 5698 NOW!



**If your car gets a knock
– you know who to trust**

BARRETTS ACCIDENT REPAIR CENTRE

- Fully manufacturer trained staff
- State of the art equipment
- Manufacturer backed guarantees and access to their procedures
- Insurance approved estimates

**2010 WINNERS OF THE
BODYSHOP OF THE YEAR BMW/MINI**

0845 872 5698



STAY MOBILE IN WINTER WITH OUR SNOW SOCKS...

To help drivers cope with wintry conditions on the road, Jaguar is now offering snow socks, available in 18" and 20", as a winter driving accessory.

Developed in Norway, the socks are elasticated textile covers that can be fitted easily over Jaguar tyres to improve road-holding in snow and ice.

The compact set of snow socks can be carried in the boot in case of seasonal emergencies and are an ideal complement to the Winter Mode offered by JaguarDrive Control. Call us to find out more.



BARRETTS HONDA
Vaughall Road, Canterbury
Kent CT1 1PA
0845 872 5698
www.barrettskent.co.uk/honda



BARRETTS JAGUAR
Canterbury
The Westgate, Canterbury
Kent CT1 2BL
0845 872 5698

Ashford
The Parade, Orbital Business Park,
Ashford TN24 0NT
0845 872 5698
www.barrettskent.co.uk/jaguar



BARRETTS LAND ROVER
Canterbury
Broad Oak Road, Canterbury
Kent CT2 7PQ
0845 872 5698

Ashford
The Parade, Orbital Business Park,
Ashford TN24 0NT
0845 872 5698
www.barrettskent.co.uk/land-rover



BARRETTS SEAT
The Westgate, Canterbury
Kent CT1 2BL
0845 872 5698
www.barrettskent.co.uk/seat



BARRETTS CITROËN
29-30 St. Peters Street, Canterbury
Kent CT1 2BL
0845 872 5698
www.barrettskent.co.uk/citroen

Comment & Opinion

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

OPINION

Keeping the spirit of Britain alive

Having a credible plan to get the county through the current economic problems is vital, says **Michael Fallon**, Kent MP and deputy chairman of the Conservative Party

THIS week's Conservative Party conference was obviously dominated by the economy.

Abroad, the crisis in the Eurozone gets worse and showed what happens when governments run out of money.

At home, there was strong support for the Coalition government's firm plan to sort out our public finances and get our economy growing again.

The Chancellor George Osborne emphasized that tackling our debts is essential for growth.

Having a credible plan to control public spending means interest rates will remain low, keeping families in homes, firms in business and people in jobs. But this is much more than good book-keeping; it provides a stable framework to promote economic growth.

Growth is a continuous agenda for this government. The Budget in the spring cut tax for business and cut red tape for small companies. In August,

the Chancellor announced new enterprise zones, including one in east Kent to help replace the jobs lost at Pfizer in Sandwich.

This week we heard about more support for science and manufacturing, neglected under Labour, more lending to small business, and measures to make employment easier.

Small firms in my constituency, for example, have long complained to me about employment tribunals; they are often afraid to take on more staff in case they have to pay to get rid of them or face expensive and time-consuming tribunals.

Now there will be a much longer qualifying period, and litigants will be charged a fee.

This isn't an attack on workers' rights – on the contrary, it will make it easier for companies to take on people who are currently locked out of the labour market.

There was no complacency in Manchester.

The huge deficit we inherited from Labour means we must maintain firm control of spending for many years to come.

We need to find jobs for thousands of young people who the last government failed to equip with the education and skills that modern employers need.

The benefit system needs radical overhaul to make it always more worthwhile to work rather than to claim. Public sector pensions need reform to become sustainable in the long-term.

Alongside these changes for the future there were announcements to give families practical help now.

Freezing the council tax for a second successive year from next April, for example, means one less bill that's going up.

Allowing social housing tenants to buy their homes helps them onto the housing ladder; the proceeds will go directly into building new housing, helping the construction industry.



6699

Freezing council tax for a second year means one less bill that's going up

Despite the crisis in Europe and the problems in banking, our conference ended on an optimistic note. Though there's a serious slowdown in the United States and across the Eurozone, the other half of the world economy is booming.

There are rapidly growing markets in China, India, the Far east and South America, all open for British goods and services.

There are huge opportunities for British companies.

Just before I went to Manchester, I visited a small firm in Sevenoaks that makes guitar strings. Rotosound sells them to 50 countries around the world, and business is booming. That's the spirit of Britain.

This week in Manchester showed a party and a government determined to foster it.

■ **Michael Fallon is MP for Sevenoaks and also deputy chairman of the Conservative Party.**

KOS COMMENT

Big Society needs to show us the money

PRIME Minister David Cameron may still be pushing the Big Society, but it is in danger of seeming to be all talk, especially in the case of Kent Community Recycling, which faces imminent closure due to funding cuts.

So, let's get this straight – Government is promoting Big Society, but taking away funding from community groups who have been carrying out Big Society work for years, leaving them to close down?

The Big Society may sound like a nice idea, but unless it supports community groups at grassroots it's just as much as pie in the sky as Boris Johnson's floating airport.

Dilley will always be a Kentish cricket star

KENT has been mourning the loss of home-grown cricket great Graham Dilley this week.

Tributes poured in reminiscing over his inspirational Ashes performance. He may have signed for Worcestershire all those years ago, but he will always be remembered as a great Kentish star.

KENT B2B SHOW

Business Week Live

The event **dedicated to business** across Kent and beyond

NEW VENUE, NEW DATES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES...

Cross border partnerships



By sector focus



Global awareness



Not just a meet and greet event like so many others, Business Week Live is designed to provide real commercial opportunities.

Meet other business professionals need to fill their diaries and order books for the coming year.

150 exhibitors and over 1000 business decision makers and influencers are expected to attend the exhibition and conference at its new home in Dover.

Dover Exhibition Centre Kent.
Wednesday,
October 26th, 2011

Make sure you join us at Business Week Live 2011

Stands start at just £440, a small investment for a real commercial opportunity and business goes where business is invited.

Companies looking to generate leads, meet buyers face to face and form new relationships and partnerships, locally, nationally and internationally need to be at Business Week Live.

For information on exhibiting, visiting, speaking or sponsoring call Sallie Payne on: 01303 817056 E-mail: sallie.payne@archant.co.uk

Media sponsors **Business Week**

Kent on Saturday

Kent on Sunday

heart 103.1 102.8

KENT LIFE

Organised by

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

Partners

south east business INNOVATION & GROWTH

Kent Business School

Office Solutions

NatWest

Whitehead Monckton

etaffigo

BUSINESS LINK

THE PARTNERSHIP

FSB

THE PARTNERSHIP

BIG

UNIVERSITY GREENPARK

Supporters

Feedback

Letters/emails/texts/tweets



Lights in
the night sky,
Tankerton
by John Kemp,
Whitstable

IMAGES OF KENT

To see your photo printed here, email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk, or post it to Archant KOS Media, Images of Kent, Apple Barn, Hythe Rd, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS. We cannot return prints, and please do not send negatives. Digital images must be no less than 200dpi.

Predators are ones to blame

LAST week's article regarding the sudden drop of wild bird species is probably due to the huge increase in predators.

Small birds such as willow tits are heavily preyed by members of the hawk family. Sparrowhawks will take up to three of these little birds daily, so its not surprising they have suffered a drop in numbers.

Magpies and carrion crows also take huge numbers in the nesting season, together with grey squirrels. Ground nesting birds like lapwings, grey partridge, and skylarks suffer greatly at the predations by foxes, stoats and badgers.

These natural predators have taken many years to gain the numbers they are, due to the reduction of the shooting estates where they were kept in balance by gamekeepers.

It would be interesting to check what the population of the wild birds was prior to the invention of the breech-loading shotgun, when the great sporting estates came to the fore and these so-called

pests were brought to the brink of extinction.

I am sure that in time things will balance out, but do not expect to see these birds recover to any great numbers any time soon.

In my opinion it has nothing to do with habitat as there are thousands of acres of unfarmed land on the mainly undisturbed motorway verges and rail lines all over the UK.

Ken Smith, Rainham

Too many on a small island

NIGEL Farrage was partly correct in blaming immigration as feeding demand for housing (KoS, September 25). Last year 241,000 people were granted settlement in the UK, which allows them to bring existing spouses, children and dependants into this country.

According to Home Office figures for 2009, 67 per cent of immigrants who come here on a marriage visa have never before set foot in this country. Also, one in three were living with family members or friends and not supporting themselves financially.

Britain's population rise is double the average of other EU countries, which is also underpinned by the much higher birth rate among immigrants.

This has nothing to do with racism, it is about land mass, we are a small island with a population of 60 million-plus and rising fast. When do we say no? Seventy million? Eighty million?

We are witnessing opposition to new housing estates, development pressure on land and congestion everywhere we go, unless we make real efforts to control our population, what sort of environmental inheritance are we going to pass onto our children?

**Terry Hudson
Herne Bay**

Cameron has ruined Tories

DAVID Cameron, in his pig-headed way, is slowly but surely destroying the Conservative Party. With his string of broken promises and deference to Nick Clegg he is, once again, proving he is the wrong choice as leader.

He is determined to ignore the very people who put him

in power and, as the polls keep showing, the other party of abject losers are well ahead of the Conservatives and that can only get worse with Mr Cameron in charge.

I see William Hague is the poll choice to step in and the sooner he does the better. We need a man of his proven stature to take control.

With four million people having to have food handouts now and Cameron sending billions out of our pockets to fund who knows what in other countries he is an absolute disgrace and his own party, if they want the backing of the people, should get rid of him and remind Nick Clegg just what his powers are.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Repeal Human Rights Act

IT has just been reported that several terrorists have been released and cannot be deported because of the Human Rights Act, this coupled with the many more absurd incidents where evil people are using this act to further their ends, must make every British

subject worry about safety.

Many people in Swale work or socialise in London, where most terrorist acts occur, that is why this is a local issue.

David Cameron promised to get rid of the Human Rights Act and because of commitment to the Lib Dems he has reneged, like he did on most of the things. Yet not one of the parties are bringing this question up at their annual conferences, why?

People like me have been warning about mass immigration and have been called racist, last week the Labour Party admitted their immigration policy was wrong and it had led to a drop in our living standards and loss of jobs for British workers. David Cameron and Nick Clegg both promised to drop immigration numbers but immigration has increased, why?

I am happy with our MP and council but this Coalition surpasses the last government for broken promises. Maybe it is about time they started worrying about the people of Sittingbourne then putting all their energies in saving the world and their reputations.

Martin Clarke, Sittingbourne

Big bad wolf after the pigs

THE new planning reform proposed by the Conservative Government on brownfield sites will still have to overcome local councillors, planning officers, and government inspectors who have as much planning expertise and foresight as the three little pigs had.

The developer being the big bad wolf.

Real democracy in planning will only come from reform of the planning application process, that is the real task.

I see nothing changing for the small developer or self-build owner as yet in the Government proposals to build where 'they' live, without neighbour objections.

In Kent we first have to run the gauntlet of planning officers, who are at most fixed by restraints of a personal bias on look, environmentally friendliness, or how it will fit into an area, without 'real' architectural knowledge.

That opinion shifts like the house of straw, it gets blown away by any wind of disapproval from the councillors or team officers who constantly contradict their colleagues.

You can go to appeal for a government inspector to decide, he/she will be drafted in (at huge expense) from outside, they will know nothing about the community and will make a decision (after about 30 minutes) based upon their perception about what is best.

This process is like a house of sticks, broken away by the inspector who simply charges through the process, in haste to return to his 'old' thatched home in the country.

You then have a right to appeal, but the Court of Appeal will simply return your appeal to the government inspector for them to look again at the application, they may or may not change their mind.

In the meantime the poor little pigs have no where to live and have been gobbled up by the big bad wolf, who goes into the countryside to look for little red riding hood (parish council) in a greenfield site.

Big bad wolf arms himself with a solicitor and QC, and trots off to make an appeal to the secretary of state based upon 'sustainability', the National Trust know what happens next.

Kenneth Little, Whitstable

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA...WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS



Write to: KOS Feedback
Apple Barn, Smeeth,
Ashford TN25 6SS



Email:
editorial@kosmedia.co.uk



Online:
www.kentnews.co.uk



Twitter:
[@kosmedia](https://twitter.com/kosmedia)

Please include your name and address, although these will be withheld in exceptional circumstances. Please also include your daytime telephone number for verification (this will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters.

Editor: Ian Patel
Address: Apple Barn, Smeeth, Kent TN25 6SS
Editorial:
Telephone 01303 817100;
Fax 01303 817002;
Email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk
Advertising:
Telephone 01303 817150;
Fax 01303 817001;
Email sales@kosmedia.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

© 2011 Archant KOS Media
Printed: Archant Print



Law on renting and capital gains tax

Q FOR several years I rented out part of my home. I retired last year at the age of 70, and now the whole property is used only as my family home. I hope to remain here for as long as possible. However, when I do decide to sell, I am unclear about possible capital gains tax liability, so any advice would be appreciated.

A THE basic rule is that we are all allowed exemption from capital gains tax if we make a profit when we sell our main or only private residence. What complicates things a little is that for a number of years, part of your home has not been your residence. It has been rented out to provide a bit of income. Strictly speaking, this means that if you do sell your home at a profit, part of the gain will be taxable and part will be exempt. Working out the exact figures can be tricky. There may be an escape route though. There is a separate tax allowance called 'Letting Relief' that can be claimed by anyone who – like you – has rented out part of their own home. And this allowance might even wipe out your entire tax bill. You can claim the lowest of either £40,000, or the private residence exemption, or the amount of the gain that applies to the part of your home that was rented out. For example, let's suppose that you lived in three-quarters of the house and rented out the other quarter. And let's suppose that when you sell up, you make a profit of £100,000. You would be entitled to private residence exemption on three quarters of the gain. That leaves one quarter – £25,000 – to be taxed. And this would escape tax under the Letting Relief rule. On the other hand, suppose you made a profit of £200,000. Of this, £150,000 would be exempt, leaving £50,000. Letting Relief would be £40,000, leaving just £10,000 taxable. However, if you made no other gains in that year, this would escape tax as well, because a separate rule says we are allowed to make £10,600 of tax-free gains each year. Of course, the arithmetic would also be affected by the number of years the property was partly rented out, set against the time that you have been using it only as your private home, so keep records of the dates the house has been partly let.

Q THE Yorkshire Building Society is offering around 3pc on its decent savings accounts, but I have read that it is paying more than 7pc to its shareholders. How can this be fair?

A SAVERS and shareholders are very different. The biggest difference is that if you put anything up to £85,000 in a savings account, you are fully protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. In the unlikely event of serious problems at the Yorkshire, your money is safe. Shareholders, on the

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



other hand, are not covered by the compensation scheme unless, perhaps, they can prove they were negligently advised by a stockbroker or financial adviser who has gone bust. The Yorkshire shares that yield more than 7pc are called Permanent Interest Bearing Shares (Pibs). They work like IOUs, except that they are traded on the stock market and the price rises or falls just like any other stock market investment. Yorkshire PIBs are at the safer end of the market. So are those from the Principality Building Society, that yield over 9pc. But do be aware the stock market is never totally risk free. Some PIBs investors with Northern Rock lost over a third of their investment when it collapsed.

Q Please could you explain how airport duty tax is worked out. I read that it costs a family of four £240 to fly to the USA. My wife and I flew there in June and it cost us £480.

A The official name for this tax is Air Passenger Duty, and the amount you pay is based on the distance you fly, and which class you travel. Destinations fall into four different bands, with short haul flights covering anything up to 2,000 miles, then each band rises by 2,000 miles until you reach the top band, for flights over 6,000 miles. Tax starts at £24 for the first band, then £120, then £150, and finally £170. These rates are halved if you travel economy class. If you travelled economy class to the USA, tax should be £120 per person. If you were charged more, the airline owes you an explanation.

Q PLEASE can you tell me whether the email I have received, awarding me US \$3million from Coca Cola, is safe – or is it junk?

A IT IS junk. The message says you won \$3m in a free draw sponsored by Coca Cola and held at the FIFA World Cup finals in South Africa. Well, that was in 2010, so why the delay. The truth is that there was no such free draw. You are asked to call a number in South Africa to claim your prize. If you do, you will be asked for ever increasing sums of money, supposedly for taxes and legal fees, but you will never see anything in return.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Many not planning well for old age

By Ed Foss

MyMoney 24 writer

THE barrage of evidence that people are failing to plan adequately for their retirement continued this week with statistics showing how many people rejected the 'free money' offered to them through company pensions.

Around a quarter of people working for companies providing pensions simply don't take them up, mainly because they feel they cannot afford the payments. But it means they miss out completely on the company's contributions to their pension pot.

There is also a smaller, but troubling, problem of lack of awareness that schemes even exist or employees not even knowing whether or not they're enrolled.

Of those who don't join their company scheme, half say they can't afford to lose a chunk of their income; a quarter think retirement is too far away to worry about; and 22pc have made the decision to invest in something else.

But more than half of those who don't enroll believe the state pension

won't be sufficient or available when they retire. The research was conducted by Zurich.

Simon Foster, the company's head of corporate pensions, said: "With the UK pensions gap currently estimated at £318 billion, people would not be able to afford to live comfortably in retirement without careful financial planning.

"It seems people don't understand the real benefits of having a workplace pension.

"Firstly it's a tax-efficient way of saving, and secondly it's a way of getting free money from your employer who, in most cases, puts money into the pension for you.

"The research shows that more than half of people don't believe that the state pension will be sufficient or available when they retire, yet nearly half of workers are still not taking advantage of their workplace pension."

Auto-enrolment, where people au-

tomatically join company schemes unless they choose to opt out, is due to come in next year.

Mr Foster added: "That will help to some extent. But people should place a high priority on saving for the future, to ensure they don't end up in poverty in retirement."

Karen Barrett, chief executive of unbiased.co.uk, said: "The current economic outlook is uncertain and there are some real financial concerns for consumers right now.

"The real issue though is the fact that people are still apathetic about their finances despite this.

"Savings and pension concerns aren't going to go away so it's important that people take control of their finances now and seek advice on the best way of saving for the future, to make sure they have that financial buffer in place for retirement.

"Worrying won't sort out your finances, but seeking professional advice from an independent financial adviser can and will help to reduce those concerns."

Unseasonably hot weekend causes the busiest day of year at cashpoints

THE recent end-of-summer warm weather has broken more than temperature records, prompting the busiest day of the year so far for withdrawals from a leading cash machine network.

The Link network reported that £577 million was taken out of its machines on September 30, the Friday before last weekend.

The volume of use was put down to people getting ready for the hot weekend.

John Howells, Link chief executive, said: "The good weather really seems to have encouraged people to withdraw cash in preparation for increased spending over an unusually sunny weekend.

"This is confirmation that the right combination of feel-good factors can boost short-term spending and that cash is a very popular way of paying for these kinds of goods and services."

The £577m withdrawn was the highest daily total since Christmas Eve 2010 and 14pc higher than the equivalent day in 2010.

Last Sunday was also very busy with £252m withdrawn, an 11pc increase on the same day in 2010.



QUICK MONEY: Use of cash machines boosted by the unexpectedly warm weather

KEY PARTNERS

HighGrowthKent

staffpro

Delivering professional staff on time, every time

Kent
Business Schoolspeednetworking
GET TOGETHER • GET TALKING • GET CONNECTEDBusinessflow
making businesses more efficient

SUPPORTED BY

MAGEE GAMMON
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

COUNTRYstyle

DMS
GraphicsKent Chamber of
Commerce
The Big Easy Business NetworkRaster Vision Ltd
Turning Your Vision Into Reality

just4safety

MULTI fire
MAINTENANCE SERVICESThe Hammond
Consultancy
Commercial Insurance Specialists

FSB



Business Week

online@www.businessforkent.co.uk

Your business is our business

Business Week Live Wednesday October 26th, 2011, Dover Cruise Exhibition Centre, KentVISIT: www.businessweeklive.co.uk for more details

The leading exhibition and conference for business owners, managers, decision makers and entrepreneurs

Asset-based lending not used to its full advantage by UK's struggling SMEs

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

THE county's small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are failing to take advantage of available funding despite a significant lending gap, which the Centre for Economics and Business Research (Cebr) estimates at £28 billion, says a report by Centric Commercial Finance.

It states that asset-based lending (ABL) including invoice discounting could lead to an increase between £531.6 million and £1.4bn to the UK's GDP by the end of 2012 by funding SME investment.

In the South East, it is estimated more than 105,000 businesses could qualify for this form of alternative finance.

The report suggests that, across the UK, as many as 650,000 firms are in sectors that can be considered suitable for commercial finance, a term that covers ABL including invoice discounting.

This type of finance allows companies to draw money against assets such as trade receivables, stock and machinery.

The 650,000 firms account for an estimated £8.8bn of the UK's SME lending gap.

However, the trade body for the ABL sector, the Asset Based Finance Association (ABFA) states that its members are servicing a small fraction of potential clients – just over 41,000 SMEs.

One local example shows what can be achieved, according to analysts involved in the report.

Centric recently structured a £4.5m deal for AEI Compounds Ltd, a leading manufacturer of polymer compounds and a global supplier to the wire and cable industry based in Sandwich.

With its principal markets in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa, a carefully-timed acquisition has resulted in the first global manufacturing and product development platform in this industry.

John Onslow, CEO and co-founder of Centric, said: "The last Credit Conditions Survey from the Bank of England showed an enormous disparity between

the demand for funding from small enterprises in particular, and what level of finance is realistically available to them.

"Our report shows a significant chunk of the SME population has not yet opted to use ABL, which might be suitable and could improve their situation if this option is explored.

"We recently took on a tractor-tyre-manufacturer that lost its bank's funding due to it being reclassified as an automotive supplier – a sector the bank had decided was a credit risk.

"After a seven-year relationship, the business was simply dismissed. This 'template' approach just doesn't make sense to us and it leaves many clients completely bewildered.

"ABL is well placed to respond to greater demand from SMEs, and while the banks remain cautious our industry will continue to do so."

Charles Davis, managing economist at the Cebr, said: "If ABL is going to fill the gap, more SMEs need to understand



WORDS OF WISDOM: John Onslow, of commercial finance company Centric

how this form of finance works and why it is a viable option.

"Awareness is a barrier, but our research clearly shows that alternative forms of finance have an important role to play in the economy.

"SMEs account for 51 per cent of the UK's economic output and 59 per cent of employment in the private sector – their financing needs are crucial to the UK's economic recovery."

LEGAL

Law firm expands its business into Kent

SOUTH East law firm Rix & Kay Solicitors LLP has announced the opening of a new office in Sevenoaks to add to its three in Sussex.

The company says the move will enable it to offer a greater range of services and a greater degree of specialisation to customers.

Bruce Hayter, managing partner, said: "We are broadening our network so we are better positioned to meet the needs of our clients across the South East. Having researched the market, and in response to the needs of our clients, we know we can deliver a more bespoke service by being based in the region."

Initially, the Sevenoaks office will concentrate on providing legal services to the company's private clients, focusing on wills, tax-planning, trusts, family law, conveyancing and court-of-protection work.

However, this will eventually be expanded on over time. The firm will look carefully at growing the office to cover other disciplines to enhance its offering to clients.

HEALTHCARE

Company gets smokefree award for helping staff to kick the habit

AXA PPP healthcare in Tunbridge Wells has become the first business to receive the Smokefree Kent Business Award.

The award, funded by Kent County Council in partnership with Kent Community Health NHS Trust's Stop Smoking service, recognises companies that have demonstrated their commitment to supporting staff who want to try to quit smoking.

In return, the company has been given a free financial assessment of what smoking could be costing its organisation and a review of its existing smoking policy with recommendations for improvement and fast-track

links to the stop smoking service.

The West Kent Stop Smoking Service has previously worked with AXA PPP healthcare and run a number of successful workplace programmes, delivered in-house. The programmes have had a success rate of 66 per cent, with a total of 39 employees quitting smoking as a result.

Spokesman Riley Elgar said: "By quitting smoking, these individuals will have made a significant improvement to their health and it is estimated that they have saved the company more than £8,000 per year if they continue not to smoke."

CONSULTANCY

Locate partners up to boost French market

INVESTMENT promotion agency Locate in Kent has boosted its French connection after joining forces with specialist consultancy O2S.

David Deslandes, director at O2S, will act on behalf of the agency from his base in France, identifying French businesses looking to expand into Kent to access the UK market.

Two French firms have recently expanded into the county, both taking up space at the Nucleus Business & Innovation Centre, Dartford.

Axun Onduleurs PV, a company that sells and distributes inverters and solar panels, and Paris-based electrical engineering consultancy Faseo opened their Kent offices this summer.

Sir Brandon Gough, chairman of Locate in Kent, said: "We are delighted to be working with O2S and David Deslandes. This partnership will ensure Kent's many business opportunities that were recognised by both Axun Onduleurs and Faseo are promoted to companies right across France. This will further increase our ability to draw foreign direct investment into the county."

Business Week

For more business news go to businessforkent.co.uk

ACCOUNTANCY



Great customer feedback puts firm in line for award

McBRIDES chartered accountants, based in Sidcup, have been short-listed for a national award reflecting excellence in practice management and client satisfaction in the field of accountancy.

The AccountingWEB Practice Excellence Awards allow accountancy firms to be benchmarked against their competitors and to be judged by three distinct groups: their clients, an expert panel and specialists in their profession. The awards are open to all UK accountants who feel their approach to client satisfaction and practice management are worthy of merit.

AccountingWEB quizzed hundreds of McBRIDES clients and, on the back of their answers, short-listed the practice among its final eight contenders in the mid-sized accountancy firm category.

Managing partner Nick Paterno, above, said: "We were hoping for positive feedback, but were never complacent. It is pleasing our clients are delighted enough with our work to have propelled us into the next round."

McBRIDES, which has been involved in the business community in Kent and south London for 35 years, now has to complete a detailed questionnaire for the next round of judging. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in London in November.

SALES

Success recognised with award of new franchise

TC Motorhome & Caravan Centre, based in Herne Bay, has just been awarded a franchise by the Bristol-based Bailey Group to market its products.

The Kent company will soon be displaying a range of Bailey Motorhomes at the company's premises in Sweeneybridge Road, just outside Herne Bay.

The new products will be built using the Alu-Tech Construction system used in Bailey's existing range of touring caravans.

TC Motorhomes already has franchises such as Caravans-International, Swift, Eldiss and Globecar.

Tony Chamberlain, from the company, said: "I am pleased our success is being recognised by some of the biggest names in the industry."

"The success of the team in Herne Bay is in a large measure down to its collective focus on delivering customer satisfaction, along with quality products, whether new or used, and value for money."

'Open-market option' is a must for pension pots

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

THE Government must move quickly to make it obligatory for pension firms to inform customers that they can shop around for the best deal when it comes to turning their pension pot into an annuity – the so-called 'income for life' – according to a financial expert

Ruth Dolan, a chartered financial planner with Canterbury law firm Furley Page, said: "In the past, insurers, who manage the majority of pension schemes, have not been obliged to tell their customers that they have an 'open-market option'. This is where customers can find the best-value provider for their lifetime income themselves, rather than taking a default option from their pension-provider."

"It is tragic to see people who have saved into a personal-pension scheme for years fail to make the most of their pension pot."

"It is difficult to believe, but most people will take the annuity offered by the pension-provider without further investigation."

Furley Page is urging the Government to introduce new rules to make pension firms inform customers that they can shop around for an annuity, and Dolan said she welcomed recent signs that regulators were moving in this direction.

One major insurance company has recently broken ranks with the rest of the industry to urge ministers to make changes to ensure that today's retirees get the best possible deals in the market.

The company, Aviva, has thrown its weight behind the open-market option, claiming that the typical person could boost their retirement income by between 10 and 20 per cent by shopping around.

According to Aviva, 385,000 people bought annuities last year, and only 32 per cent of these purchased annuities from a different company than the one they had saved with.

Dolan said: "You should not feel loyalty to your pension-provider unless you have shopped around and they are still offering you the very best annuity deal in the market which is right for your own personal circumstances."

Annuities involve using a pension pot to buy an income for life.

There are different types of annuity offering a



CHOICE: Most people will take the annuity offered by their pension-provider without shopping around

number of income options. The annuity-provider will need to assess what they are prepared to pay you in terms of income, and this is based on a number of factors including age, health and prevailing interest rates.

Dolan said: "Generally, the annuity figures provided by your pension-provider when you retire are standard rates for a person of your age and do not take into account your health or any of the various options that you may need. These rates are invariably uncompetitive."

"The first thing you should do when you receive one of these letters is to contact an independent financial adviser."

"They will be able to guide you through the options available with annuities and then look across the annuity industry for the best rate."

"A full health questionnaire should be completed to ensure that any quote is personalised for you and this could have positive results for your final pension. It is always interesting to see the difference between the final annuity and the original quote individuals receive from their pension-providers."

"Of course, you have to pay for the advice you receive, but even taking into account the fees, you should still receive a higher income than that initially quoted by your pension provider."

Kent director highly commended in final of IoD's international category



LEADING LIGHT: Kevin Kneebone named in global-director category

A KENT businessman has been highly commended in the 2011 Institute of Directors director-of-the-year awards, sponsored by Samsung Electronics.

Kevin Kneebone, managing director of Medway-based BACTEC, was named in the global-director-of-the-year category, supported by Conqueror, having previously won the award for director of the year for a business with a turnover of £5 million-£24.99 million in the IoD London and the South director-of-the-year awards.

With a background in engineering, Kneebone joined BACTEC International in 2003.

The company specialises in unexploded ordnance and landmine clearance around the world.

He has helped move BACTEC on from a typical owner-managed business to a more formal company run by a board of directors.

Mr Kneebone said: "I was delighted to have been nominated for the international director category and being the winner in the regional finals."

"While I am disappointed not to

win the national award, testament to the high quality of the other finalists, being highly commended is very satisfying and is a reflection not only of my personal success but that of BACTEC and the whole team."

Rodger Broad, director of the IoD for London and the South, said: "Kevin fully deserves his recognition in the national awards."

"He is one of many highly-talented and committed directors around the region who are working hard to drive their companies forward in difficult times."

Business hub creates perfect environment for firms to flourish

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

THE Joiners Shop, a Basepoint-run business development in the Historic Dockyard Chatham, is celebrating a successful two years of operation – with all of its 44 units now occupied.

Following restoration, the 200-year-old, Grade II-listed building opened in March 2009 as a specialist centre for creative industries.

The centre is now home to 44 thriving creative businesses, ranging from graphic designers and specialist printers to a railway simulator company.

Basepoint Business Centres manages The Joiners Shop and attributes its success to the strong sense of community and creative flair which exists within it.

John Luchford, centre manager, said: "It's not surprising we have attracted so many creative businesses as the setting here provides a stimulating backdrop for these types of businesses.

"There has been plenty of demand for space and it is good to see so many

of our tenants doing extremely well."

One company prospering is Railsimulator.com, which employs 25 people and recently appeared in the top five downloaded computer games.

Railsimulator.com is the most realistic train and railway simulator on the market, allowing players to take the (virtual) controls of 13 historic and contemporary locomotives along eight lines in the UK, Europe and North America.

Paul Jackson, Railsimulator.com game producer, said: "Since we moved here two years ago, our company has expanded. As a result, we have needed larger premises on three occasions and the Basepoint team have been incredibly flexible in assisting us.

"As far as facilities and location are concerned, the centre fits all our requirements, providing the right environment for the creativity needed in our industry."

The Joiners Shop is set in the heart of the historic dockyard, providing 1,200 sq m of commercial accommodation, focusing on the needs of small and start-up businesses.



MOVING FORWARD: Paul Jackson, from Railsimulator.com, with John Luchford, centre manager for The Joiner Shop



TIGHT UNIT: Management from award-winning GML Construction

Regional prize shows construction company's building big reputation

KENT Megagrowth 50 company GML Construction has taken the Small and Medium Enterprises Award in the London and South East Constructing Excellence Awards 2011.

As a regional winner, the company will go forward to the National Constructing Excellence Awards, to take place on Friday, November 25.

Open to small to medium-sized construction companies employing 50 or fewer people, the judges were looking for signs of people development, adopting best practice and/or collaborative and new ways of working.

GML, based in Coxheath, has grown at an average of 20 per cent every year since 1991, going from a £300,000 turnover in its first year to £10 million in 2010, and has been recognised as one of the top 50 fastest-growing companies in Kent.

On behalf of Constructing Excellence, Derek Rees, chief executive of the South East Centre for the Built Environment (SECBE), who managed the awards congratulated GML.

He said: "We all know the construction and built-environment sector depends on small to medium-sized companies for the successful delivery of every construction project. GML shows just how effective a smaller company can be in delivering enlightened leadership and real good practice.

"This is marvellous news for us and a wonderful reward for our team, which works incredibly hard in whatever they do," said Alan Proto, of GML Construction.

GML Construction specialises in the delivery of energy-efficient buildings.

Using a variety of build methods including brick-and-block, timber frame, steel frame and modular construction, the company works with clients to provide a solution that meets their precise requirements and budgets.

Working throughout the South East, the company has built relationships with many local authorities as well as commercial developers and clients, and works in sectors including education, health, leisure and commercial.

TRANSPORT

Nomination is just the ticket for bus company

A BUS company is celebrating being short-listed in a category of the 2011 UK Bus Awards.

Stagecoach East Kent is in the final line-up of the Marketing Excellence Awards for the Canterbury Triangle.

The winner will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held at London's Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, November 29.

UK Bus Awards chairman John Owen said: "In these difficult and uncertain times we've been both surprised and delighted by the number and quality of entries for the 2011 UK Bus Awards.

"The combination of rising fuel prices and cuts in public spending are making life particularly difficult for everybody involved in bus-service provision at the moment.

"Even so, our judges were really impressed by the commitment to quality and innovation shown by bus-operators, local authorities and their partners in this, the awards' 16th year.

"More than five billion passenger journeys are made by bus every year, and the industry has a huge amount to offer in delivering reduced congestion and carbon emissions.

"The finalists in this year's awards are contributing hugely with their bright ideas and their commitment to customer service.

"They are paving the way for the future success of an industry which remains firmly at the heart of our national life."

Keep Kent Working!
It's jobs for Kent

Turbine bosses in jobs promise

BUSINESS leaders from across Swale attended a meeting with the wind turbine manufacturer planning to open a huge new factory on the Isle of Sheppey.

The gathering at the Sheppey campus of Canterbury College included speeches by Vestas Wind Systems' chief project manager Lars Gjedsoe Eriksen, and Peel Ports' managing director Paul Kavanagh.

They explained that the proposed turbine blade factory could create 2,000 jobs and regenerate up to two-thirds of the Port of Sheerness.

Sheppey campus head Philip Wicker said: "It's potentially a huge shot in the arm for the local community. The Sheppey campus team would be dedicated to working in any way they can to support such a significant project."

"In the long term we hope development will increase the opportunity for use of the college, for those taking both apprenticeships and other studies. Employers can use the college facilities, work with the college team and develop new ideas with our stakeholders."

EU cash boost for rural employment

ACTION with Communities in Rural Kent has won European funding for a project which will help young people find work.

The Greener Futures for Young People scheme, which works with partners from Sweden, France and Spain, is one of only 10 to receive the cash from DG Employment.

A spokesman said: "This project speaks out for the role of the not-for-profit sector and shows how the social economy can provide effective local responses to national problems of social exclusion and unemployment."

"This is a 'David and Goliath' story which demonstrates the strength of partnerships. We will also be joined on October 19 by specialist workers from the Czech Republic, Romania and other parts of Europe which are also part of the Rural Kent network."

The project, which lasts for one year and will receive about £205,000 funding, will test new ways of working with excluded and disadvantaged young people across the county. It will be officially launched in Ashford on October 19.

Sustainability is key at new training base

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

LOCAL businesses have been urged to take advantage of a new £6.9 million training and research centre for sustainable construction projects.

The SusCon building at The Bridge development in Dartford aims to capitalise on the Government's 'Green Deal', which will enable private firms to offer energy efficiency improvements to homes and properties at no up-front cost, and to recoup payments through a charge in instalments on the energy bill.

Subjects taught at the new centre include water conservation, bio-diversity, the supply chain and behaviour management. Its courses are also cross-disciplinary, meaning members of different building trades such as bricklayers and roofers can train together to encourage a sharing of ideas.

Dartford council leader Jeremy Kite, who attended the launch, said: "I'm absolutely delighted Dartford will play such an important part in the construction of ecologically sound and sustainable buildings."

"SusCon Dartford could become a centre for the very best practices in what will surely be the most important development in house-building we've ever seen. In a time of rising energy prices, the ability of people to minimise the cost of running their own homes has never been more important, and SusCon will lead the way in helping them to do this."

More than 100 people attended the launch of the building last week, which has been developed by a partnership led by Dartford council, North West Kent College and ProLogis. The development was made possible by funding from the Homes and Communities

Agency, the South East England Development Agency (Seed) and the Skills Funding Agency via CITB-ConstructionSkills.

The partnership hopes to equip up to 2,500 professionals a year with the sustainable building skills required.

Brian Berry, director of external affairs at the Federation of Master Builders, added: "We are on the verge of a green revolution in terms of how we build, manage and value our buildings today."

"The Government's forthcoming Green Deal retrofit initiative has the potential to provide a much-needed boost to the construction industry because 26 million homes will need to be retrofitted by 2050, which amounts to 600,000 retrofits every year or about 5.5 every single minute."

"SusCon puts us on the road to recovery for the construction industry because green construction skills are the future."

Jamie White, head of the National Skills Academy for Construction and Commercial Strategy, added: "SusCon is a regional hub for the academy, allowing training at all levels to be delivered on a local basis."

"We ensure training focuses on delivering the skills required as a new when they are needed, as well as providing training for people in the local community."

"We will help to ensure the right skills are in place so SMEs are ready for the Green Deal."



What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email steve.knight@archant.co.uk or give him a call on 01303 817136.

LAUNCH: CITB-ConstructionSkills marketing manager David Plummer at the launch

Apprenticeships

Exciting opportunities throughout Kent now

Get ahead today!

Call freephone:
0800 7314297

email:
keytrainingservices@kent.gov.uk

KEY
TRAINING SERVICES

**COMMUNITY
LEARNING
AND SKILLS**

**Kent
County
Council**

Train & retrain

sponsored by **KENTADULT
EDUCATION**

Human rights head signs up as new visiting professor at Christ Church

THE chief executive of the Equality and Human Rights Commission has been appointed a visiting professor in public administration at Canterbury Christ Church University.

The appointment recognises Mark Hammond's 25 years of public service in central and local government, and his current role at the commission.

Mr Hammond will also be taking part in the university's public lecture series on December 7, examining the de-

velopment of individual rights in Britain starting with the Magna Carta in 1215, through the Barons' revolt against King John, to the Human Rights Act of 1998.

Equality and Human Rights Commission chairman Trevor Phillips said Mr Hammond would provide students with a real insight into the professional world.

He added: "We are pleased for Mark that he has been offered this role. It will be a great op-

portunity for students to learn from someone with Mark's public sector experience, and it is a welcome recognition of the growing importance of these issues in delivering excellent public services."

Mr Hammond added: "Canterbury Christ Church University has a tremendous record in public administration and government. I hope to be contributing to its work in developing courses and training for future managers of public services."

Great day for pewterers as UCA wins big

THE University for the Creative Arts came close to a clean sweep at the Pewter Live Awards, which honour the country's top pewter designers and craftspeople.

Nominees from UCA Rochester won two of the three student categories and also scooped two third-place prizes, while UCA Farnham in Surrey took home a runners-up prize at Pewterers' Hall in London.

Brian Hill, course leader of silversmithing, goldsmithing and jewellery at UCA Rochester, said: "We have been participating in Pewter Live for nearly 10 years and although we have enjoyed successes in previous years, this was definitely our strongest and best set of results to date."

"I am absolutely thrilled with the breadth and depth of achievement from our students, and it is a ringing endorsement that our crafts courses have the ability to positively respond to external live projects and creatively interpret design briefs into successful 3D pieces that are positively endorsed from the respective profession."

Third-year student Richard Gamester, 39, from Rochester, won the decorative arts category for a collection of pewter condiment pourers encased in Finnish soapstone.

He said: "It means a lot to win this award as I have worked hard throughout my course, so this recognition makes it all worth the effort."

"As a designer, winning awards is very important to help you make a name for yourself and get noticed, so I hope this award will kick-start



WINNER: UCA Rochester's Richard Gamester

my career when I leave university next year."

There was a clean sweep for UCA in the interior, architectural and furniture category, with first place going to UCA Rochester's Sanni Falkenberg for a set of pewter plant pots which create a piece of living art.

Melina Xenaki from UCA Farnham's 3D design course was runner-up with her Picasso-inspired pewter chessboard table and set, while Tyra-Jane Ward from UCA Rochester came third for her innovative magnetic key dome.

Yet another UCA Rochester student – Victoria Freeman – came third in the student fashion category for her pewter-embellished mask.

Young chefs to take part in charity fundraiser for Demelza hospices

CATERING students at Mid-Kent College have been invited to devise their own mouth-watering recipes for the Demelza Dessert Design Challenge.

Their task is to develop a pudding that could feature on the menu of the Barn Restaurant in Rainham, with proceeds from the sale of the winning dish being donated to the Sittingbourne-based Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

The student behind the winning recipe will also win a work

experience placement at the eatery, owned by chef and contest judge Damon Dalmedo.

He said: "I'm very enthusiastic about the challenge. It's a great opportunity for the students but is not an easy task."

"As well as creating a winning recipe, they will need to apply their business head, working out the costings of their dish and the sale price – what they expect people to pay for their dessert."

"Sadly, I will not get to taste

all of the wonderful new puddings because the first round of the challenge will be judged on the students' menu description of their dessert and their costings. Three finalists will be selected at this stage and invited into my kitchen to actually make their desserts."

Demelza fundraiser Laura Smyth said: "This is a great fundraising activity and different to anything we have been involved in before. I'm looking forward to the final round."

Full time course for 16 - 18 year olds
It's STILL not too late...

Brand New full time course for 2011-12

BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Music Technology

Learning how to use music technology and the skills involved in producing your own tracks is a great way to make your name as a producer and break into the music industry. Successful use of music production skills can springboard all budding bands, producers and DJs into a music arena and open up a world of exciting possibilities.



Apply Now

Full time course starting
31st October 2011

Why not try our two day
taster course and produce
your own music CD...

Come to **Westwood Cross,**
Saturday 15th October

at 10.00am and then to

complete the taster by attending

Thanet College, Monday 17th

October at 10.00am.

FREE
Two-day taster course

Call to book your **FREE** place now

01843 605049

See our new facilities. Get into something new. Come on 'have a go'



**THANET
COLLEGE**

www.thanet.ac.uk



Powered by KOS Media

JobsforKent.co.uk

Senior & General Appointments

Public Sector Vacancies

Jobs for Kent

Public Notices

TO ADVERTISE: TELEPHONE: 01303 817040 | FAX: 01303 817004 | EMAIL: appointments@kosmedia.co.uk

- Accountancy
- Administration, Secretarial, PA
- Agriculture, Forestry, Environment
- Art and Design
- Catering, Hospitality
- Construction, Architecture, Surveyors
- Customer Service, Call Centre
- Domestic

- Education, Teacher, School
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities
- Estate Agency, Property
- Graduate, Trainees
- Health and Safety, Security, Defence
- HR, Recruitment
- Industrial, Warehouse, Factory
- IT, Internet, Telecoms

- Insurance, Banking, Finance
- Legal
- Leisure, Tourism, Travel
- Management Consultancy
- Management, Senior Positions
- Marketing, Advertising
- Motor Trade, Driver
- Not for Profit, Charities

- Nursing, Medicine, Care Work
- Other
- Print, Packaging, Distribution
- PR, Media, Journalism
- Public Sector, Social Services
- Retail, Wholesale, Sales
- Scientific and Pharmaceutical, Research
- Transport, Logistics, Aviation

Providing opportunities for people with learning disabilities

CASUAL (FLEXI) SUPPORT WORKERS

£6.61 ph to £7.54 ph + allowances
(Depending upon experience and qualifications)

These newly created roles, which we are looking to recruit to our core areas of Woodchurch/Aldington Residential, Ashford/New Romney Community Support Services, New Romney Residential and Rye Residential, will suit applicants with a naturally caring, patient, enthusiastic and compassionate personality coupled with good communication and team working skills.

A driving licence and own transport is essential as is the willingness and ability to work shifts at short notice, including occasional weekends, and to undertake sleep-ins if required although there will be no obligation to work shifts offered.

Ideally applicants will have previous experience and be qualified to NVQ/Diploma Level 2.

If you are looking for a varied, busy and lively opportunity and believe you have the skills, personality and drive for these roles then please contact Chris Pugh for an application pack on 01233 861493 x 255 leaving, your name and address, or e-mail cp@c-o-t.org.uk

No Agencies please

Registered Charity Number 291662 Owner and operator of The Rare Breeds Centre

Avenue Building Co Ltd
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS
The Cross; The Street; Mereworth;
Maidstone; Kent; ME18 5LS

WANTED
DUE TO EXPANSION WITHIN OUR NATIONALLY BASED COMPANY THE FOLLOWING POSITION HAS ARISEN

SELF MOTIVATED ELECTRICALLY BIASED SITE FOREMAN

TO WORK WITHIN THE MEDICAL PRE-INSTALLATION FIELD MUST BE WILLING TO WORK AWAY FROM HOME
SALARY NEGOTIABLE

IN THE FIRST INSTANCE PLEASE SEND CV BY E-MAIL ONLY TO
smiller@avenuebuilding.co.uk
NO AGENCIES - NO TELEPHONE CALLS

BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Advertise here
Call 01303 817150
www.kentnews.co.uk

High View Oast Care Home
(Between Canterbury and Sandwich)
Care Assistants Required

Please Phone Sheelagh Sanford
For More Information
01304813333

RESTAURANT APICIUS

Demi Chef De Partie

for immediate start
Apply to
Timothy Johnson
23 Stone Street
Cranbrook TN17 3HF
01580 714666
(no agencies)

Fostering Manager

Supervision of Social Work and Support Staff

Key skills and qualifications
The candidate must have CQSW or DipSW and two years post qualifying experience and be registered with GSCC. The candidate will have experience of supervising social work staff and working with children in care.

The candidate will be able to ensure the maintenance of accurate records of placements, including case recording, placement agreements, assessment reports, carer reviews, carer supervision and child progress reports. The candidate will also be expected to undertake annual reviews of Foster Carers. Good communication and assessment skills and experience are essential along with report writing skills. Full Driving Licence and have good IT skills.

Salary Scale: £28k to £45k depending on experience or qualifications
Full time 37.5 hours per week
Car allowance, enhancement for Out of Hours
Head Office Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent

Benefits:
Work base:
Please contact or
David Burton at d.burton@credocare.co.uk
Anjie Newland a.newland@credocare.co.uk



KENT AUTISTIC TRUST



REGISTERED HOME MANAGER (Based in Strood)

Salary range £25,306 - £29,519

Residential Home for 6 Service Users. You will have the ability to model good practice and provide support and advice to team members, to ensure that service users have meaningful and varied lives.

Working alongside a team, you will replace absent staff on shift, and ensure the smooth running of every aspect of the home. This will include managing the service's budget, providing appraisal and supervision, as well as the effective implementation of the Trust's policies and procedures. You will be expected to be on call at agreed times and to work at least 15 hours a week on shift at your establishment. In addition, you will possess:

- NVQ4 in care and Registered Home Managers Award or equivalent
- At least four years experience of working within the field of services for people with special needs
- A working knowledge of the Care Standards Act 2000
- A willingness to participate in a continuous development of the service

Successful candidates will also enjoy the following benefits:

- Comprehensive induction training
- 25 days of annual leave in addition to paid public holidays
- Free meals whilst on duty
- Free Confidential Counselling Support Line

For an informal chat contact Christine Edwards-Daem on 01634 405168. An application pack can be downloaded from www.kentautistic.com

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from a wide section of the community. All applicants who are offered employment will be subject to a criminal record check from the Criminal Records Bureau. Closing date: 21st October 2011. Interviews will be held on 2nd November 2011.

No Agencies.

Specialist Prescribing Practitioner:Thanet

£21,519 - £27,849 per annum • 37 hours per week
Temporary contract up to three months • Based in Margate

KCA (UK) is an expanding and vibrant organisation providing a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services in the drug alcohol and mental health sectors.

Could you help chaotic injecting drug users to stabilise their use and begin shaping better lifestyles? It is a big challenge that will see you work closely with medical staff as you deliver assessment and key worker support to people accessing the substitute prescribing service.

Significant experience of working with individuals with drug related problems is desirable. A qualification to diploma level or above in nursing is essential, as is your current registration to practice. As for your future, there is the opportunity to make a huge impact on people's lives and help grow our services into the future working as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

It is an exciting time to join the prescribing service with many new challenges ahead. Both local and national policy is moving in a new and interesting direction so you will need to be adaptable and enthusiastic for change. You will have line management responsibility and will need to be fully competent in all aspects of BBV minimisation and Hepatitis vaccination delivery.

For further details please contact Sue Hamilton, Area Manager KCA (UK) on 01843 298355 ext 217.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk
Alternatively, you can email recruitment@kca.org.uk or call 01795 590795 and select option three. Please quote reference: 810.

Closing date: 16 October 2011. Interview date: TBC

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. Charity No: 292824

www.kca.org.uk

Progressive, Responsive, Effective



Magical Staff Wanted

This is no ordinary job, this is a LaplandUK job!

We are looking for happy, enthusiastic and talented people to join the LaplandUK team and help make 2011 another magical Christmas.

Full and part time jobs available during our Christmas season November – December 2011.

You must be aged 18 or over by 19 November 2011 to apply.

Good pay and full training offered.

Please apply via the website asap:
www.laplanduk.co.uk/recruitment.php

The closing date is 12 October.

Once applications have been reviewed interviews will be held in various locations in Lamberhurst October for acting and non-acting roles.



Care Workers

ROCHESTER, GILLINGHAM, STROOD, WALTERSLADE, TWYDALL, LORDSWOOD

- Competitive rates of pay
- Flexible working hours
- Weekend and morning hours available
- Free training to HSC Level 2 Diploma
- 28 days' paid annual leave (pro rata)
- No previous experience necessary
- Good written and spoken English

London Care is a leading provider of care support services to vulnerable older people and children with disabilities living in their own homes.

For an application form contact the central recruitment team on 0208 795 6555 or e-mail: recruitment@londoncare.co.uk

London Care is an Equal Opportunities Employer

www.londoncare.co.uk

JobsforKent.co.uk The smart way to find a job in the County

Theatre Royal Margate

Outreach Coordinator and Administration Assistant
 £16,750 pa + relocation support if appropriate
 For application packs please call 01843 282956,
 see our website www.theatreroyalmargate.com
 or email admin@theatreroyalmargate.com
Deadline for applications - Monday 24th October 2011
Interviews - w/c 31st October 2011
 Margate Theatre Royal Trust is a
 registered charity (279015) and aims
 to be an equal opportunities employer.

Community Nursing Care Agency are now recruiting

Male & Female for specialist 1-1 community team supporting children and adults in the community with complex needs

Must have experience in working with people using the principles of positive behaviours support

For more information or to send your details please contact Zoe
zoe@communitynursingcareagency.co.uk
01233 619530

NURSES
 Urgently needed
 due to increased demand
Days, nights, weekday & weekend shifts in hospitals & nursing homes
£12.90 - £23.20 p/h (Dep on shift)
 Free CRBs, uniforms and training!
PLEASE CALL TODAY 01227 782070
canterbury@nurseplusuk.com
www.nurseplusuk.com Registered with the CQC
 Equal opportunities employer

EXPERIENCED SALES AGENTS required.

Local community based role, ideal for Avon Representatives or similar sales people & party planners to promote and sell Live-in Care, any previous sales experience will be considered. We are Pure Live-in Care, and we already have a network of sales agents across the UK.

COMMISSION ONLY based role, with EACH successful referral you make worth up to £1600 per year, UNCAPPED, NO LIMIT.

Call 0845 64 34 890, email
liveincare@purehealthcarestaffing.co.uk

Business Development Manager

Currently seeking dynamic and organised sales professionals to develop and secure new business whilst generating sales opportunities in line with Company strategy. Industry experience / knowledge of the uPVC window and building materials sector is highly advantageous. Competitive Salary, Company Car, Laptop and Mobile Phone will be provided.

Please forward your CV and covering letter to recruitment@eurocell.co.uk FAO Karen Freeman

Experienced, enthusiastic Practice Nurse

required for an established, progressive and friendly family GP surgery in Sevenoaks. This is a part time position, currently 21 hours per week and the salary is negotiable up to £17 per hour dependent upon experience.

Applications with CV to:-
Keith Salter, Practice Manager,
Town Medical Centre,
25 London Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1AR
 For a full job description please email
brenda.sarjant@nhs.net

Investment Compliance Specialist

£55,000 - £65,000

Location; Sevenoaks or London

Your role as an Investment Compliance Specialist is to be the compliance teams main point of contact with the investment team and to implement the risk-based compliance monitoring programme as it relates to investment and the handling of daily investment queries and documentation to ensure that customer service and fair treatment practice of the Company are at the forefront of investment activity.

Your role is to advise on investment compliance and regulatory issues, contribute to the development and enhancement of investment processes, procedures and documentation impacted by regulatory considerations and undertake investment portfolio monitoring.

Candidates who apply must consider the following requirements asked of by the client and respect that applications without these requirements will not be considered for this position;

- Thoroughly conversant with the FSA Rules and associated guidance, the approach of the Financial Ombudsman Service and EU Directives affecting the financial services industry, specifically as these relate to investment compliance
 - Keeps abreast of the FSA's current thinking and its requirements and expectations regarding investment compliance in an investment management business, particularly in respect of the FSA's Treating Customers Fairly principles and principles-based regulation
 - Regarded as an investment compliance 'expert' for Principal
 - Understands complex business and regulatory concepts and is able to anticipate and identify key issues and problems and bring them to the attention of the Head of Compliance, as necessary
- StaffPro are acting as a recruitment agency in relation to this role.



StaffPro is acting as a recruitment business in relation to this role.

Please email your CV to leah@staff-pro.co.uk

or call 01303 817109 today!

www.staff-pro.co.uk

Panel Beater and Fitter/Stripper

The successful applicants must provide a high standard of work and have a minimum of three years experience.

Good Rates of Pay

Immediate start

Email CV to jobs@totalmotorcare.co.uk
 or telephone 01304 620999

To advertise
 in this section

**01303
 817040**

To
 advertise
 in this
 section



01303

817056

100's

more jobs

online

JobsforKent.co.uk



The future of local media

Be a part of an exciting and growing team developing our portfolio across Kent

Telephone Sales Executive Full time Permanent

If you are highly driven, confident, a self motivated team player with good communication skills, who is able to work under pressure to deadlines and targets, in our fast paced and fun telesales department, then apply.

You will be office based and working with an existing client base of advertisers where customer service is paramount, but you must also be able to search out new business to develop and grow your territory revenues and opportunities.

We believe and pride ourselves in good customer service, professional marketing solutions and excellent business relationships. We provide innovative ideas that will in return give our clients real value and response.

Media experience is not essential as full training will be given however good numeracy, literacy and computer skills are required.

We offer an excellent basic salary plus generous bonus scheme, ongoing training and career development, five weeks' annual leave, contributory pension and life assurance scheme (after qualifying period) and all the benefits of working for a large media organisation.

Please apply in writing with your CV and covering letter in the first instance to:

Fawad Minhas, Telephone Sales Manager,
 ARCHANT KOS MEDIA
 Apple Barn, Hythe Road
 Smeth, Ashford Kent. TN25 6SS
 Or email: fawad.minhas@archant.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

Bright new careers online

Register your details and we'll email you daily with new jobs that match your selected criteria

JobsforKent.co.uk

The smart way to find a job in the County

POWERED BY KOS MEDIA

JobsforKent.co.uk The smart way to find a job in the County



Public Sector

You can also find the latest jobs online: www.jobsforkent.co.uk

KOSMEDIA

Telephone: 01303 817040

Fax: 01303 817004

Email: appointments@kosmedia.co.ukOnline: www.jobsforkent.co.uk

PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

Bennett Memorial Diocesan School
Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9SH
Tel: 01892 521595

SCHOOL CLEANERS REQUIRED

Hours: 15.45-18.45
Monday-Friday, up to 5 days per week
£6.50 per hour

Please contact Mrs Anna Taylor, at the school for application pack

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure

WELLNESS COACHES REQUIRED

We are a Health & Nutrition company looking for serious people who want to earn £500-£1000+ per month full/part-time working from home. Full training and support available.

01622 671716

JobsforKent.co.uk

The smart way to find a job in the County

Creative
Committed
Enthusiastic
Resilient

The hardest, most challenging job you'll ever do!

Bradstow School

Bradstow is a fascinating and unique residential school for children between the ages of 5 & 19, set in 13 acres of parkland just a few hundred metres from the sandy beaches of Broadstairs. We seek to meet the needs of children with autism and severe learning difficulties, and have achieved national recognition for our developments in Communication and Behaviour Management.

TEAM SUPPORT WORKERS - CHILDCARE

£13,874 plus 10% per annum - 41 hours per week, (including weekends) - Term time only, plus 2 weeks * & £4,994 - 15 hours per week, (weekends only) - Term time only, plus 2 weeks *

Also Flexi-Bank Team Support Worker positions available
As part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students from Classrooms to Childcare Teams afternoons and evenings during the week and late or early shifts each weekend

CHILDCARE SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

£10,079 plus 10% per annum - 36.5 hours per week, (including weekends) - Term time only, plus 2 weeks *

As part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS TEAM SUPPORT WORKERS - EDUCATION

£12,689 per annum - 37½ hours per week, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (from Childcare Teams into Classrooms) Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus 2 weeks *

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers and childcare team leaders in the school

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

£10,320 per annum - 34 hours per week, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Mon-Fri - Term time only

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the classrooms and have a particular responsibility towards one teaching group

*For these roles there will also be up to a maximum of two weeks for the school's respite care provision if required, for which extra payment would be paid.

For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children.

We are committed to sustainability and preserving the environment and therefore encourage applications by email, so for an application form and information pack please email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Or you may call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine).

Please note that CV's will not be considered.

The closing date for all applications is 12 noon Friday 14th October 2011.



www.bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk

WELFARE ASSISTANT

34.58 hrs per wk for 39 weeks per year
Kent Salary Range 3
£14,100.00 - £15,984.00 per annum
Pro rata to £11,119.41 - £12,605.16 pa
Plus SEN Allowance of £1,169 pa

If you are, or have recently been, working with physically disabled students this post may be for you. The post holder is required to support our PD students with their learning and welfare needs in order to maximise their levels of achievement and independence. You will be required to undertake moving and handling training. Experience is essential.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from our HR Manager by email at k.mcgowan@thamesview.kent.sch.uk or by telephoning 01474 566552 ext 8081120.

Closing Date: 17th October 2011
Interviews: 21st October 2011

*CVs without an application form will not be accepted.
Appointment to this post is subject to a criminal background check via the disclosure procedure. Thamesview School operates a non-smoking policy.*

To advertise in this section
01303 817150

THE THOMAS AVELING SCHOOL
(An Academy for Success)
Arethusa Road, Rochester, Kent. ME1 2UW.
Headteacher: Mr P.Jackson, BSc
Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385
Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk
www.thomasaveling.co.uk

Clerk to Governing Body THE THOMAS AVELING SCHOOL

Hours: 210 hours per annum minimum, 4 hours per week during term time, with occasional additional hours required for which overtime will be paid

Salary range: £6.62 - £9.91 per hour dependent on experience and qualifications

We seek to appoint an experienced self motivated administrator with at least 4 hours per week available to support the Governing Body at this popular local secondary school. Duties of the post will involve arranging meetings, taking minutes, and advising Governors of legal requirements in accordance with the Guide to the Law for Governing Bodies. Most meetings will be held in the late afternoon and early evening

The Clerk will be accountable to the Governing Body, will report directly to the Chair of Governors and will be required to demonstrate excellent communication and organisational skills. Training will be available and the successful candidate will be expected to work towards gaining a recognised qualification for clerks to governing bodies.

Candidates should be competent in the use of IT, including word, and have a keen interest in education. Tact and the ability to deal with matters confidentially will be essential.

Please send letter of application outlining your experience to date, together with completed application form (available on the school website) to: Mr T Brown, Chair of Governors, c/o The Thomas Aveling School at the above address or e-mail: yakrill@thomasaveling.co.uk

The Thomas Aveling School is an equal opportunities employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.

Closing date for applications: Friday 14th October 2011

Interviews will be held w/commencing:
Monday 17th October 2011

Be the first in line to receive the latest top Kent jobs

Register your details and we'll email you daily with new jobs that match your selected criteria

JobsforKent.co.uk
The smart way to find a job in the County

POWERED BY KOS MEDIA

JobsforKent.co.uk The smart way to find a job in the County

Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Lecturer in Plumbing

Ref: P0396

Salary: £24,146 - £30,718 (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Maidstone

We are looking for an enthusiastic, highly motivated and well-organised lecturer to join our Plumbing department in the Faculty of Construction and Engineering. The successful candidate will be required to teach and assess on Plumbing/Building Services up to Level 2. Candidates will need to be qualified to L3 in Plumbing with significant practical experience within the industry. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in English

Ref: P0320

Salary: £24,146 - £30,718 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
18.5 hours per week Chatham Maritime/Medway

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding candidate to deliver English classes on our Access to HE programmes. The successful candidate will have experience of teaching adult learners who are returning to education and experience of teaching at GCSE level would be advantageous. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Hourly paid Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: SE720

Hourly rate: £22.45 - £27.22 per hour (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Maidstone

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic candidate to teach and assess on a range of Motor Vehicle courses. The successful candidate will possess a minimum level 3 qualification and have proven experience in the Motor Vehicle industry. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and have or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification.

Hourly Paid Lecturer in Music

Ref: SE551

Hourly Rate: £22.45 - £27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience)
Medway

The successful candidate will have a creative attitude coupled with excellent communication skills and will contribute to the delivery of Music programmes up to Level 3. A Degree or HND in a Music subject and professional experience with current knowledge of the music industry is essential, with the ability to conduct and guide rehearsals. The post holder will teach music theory and read music and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Hourly Paid Wardrobe tutor and Costume Designer

Ref: SE390

Hourly Rate: £22.45 - £27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience)
Medway

We are looking to recruit a passionate individual to contribute to the Productions throughout the College. The successful candidate will have proven industry experience as well as knowledge of costume design for theatre, stage costume making and stage wardrobe management. The post holder will hold a Degree level or equivalent qualification within a relevant subject area and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Recruitment Assistant

Ref: JS001

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum/pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Full time role available at Medway & Part time role available at Maidstone

The College is looking to recruit exceptional individuals to assist and support in the operation of the Job Shop services, developing strong links with local employers to establish employment opportunities for students. The successful candidate will provide generalist advice to teaching and support staff in line with the College and departmental procedures and assist in the day to day running of the Job Shop, a front line customer service role. Experience within a sales or marketing role is desirable.

Departmental Administrator

Ref: P0496

Salary: £15,503 - £18,066 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
22.2 hours per week/41 weeks per year

We are looking to recruit an Administrator/Secretary with excellent administration and organisational skills, to join the Construction and Engineering Faculty, assisting the Head of Faculty with the day to day smooth running of the department. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate knowledge of office procedures and ability to use MS office packages.

Chemistry Technician

Ref: P0070

18.5 hours per week Salary: £17,050 - £21,339 pro rata
(dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking to recruit a highly experienced individual to support the technical provision within the Science Department from GCSE level to HND in Applied Chemistry. The successful candidate will be supporting staff and students throughout the Department and will hold a qualification in Chemistry at degree level or equivalent. Previous applicants need not apply.

Closing date: 12 noon Friday 21 October 2011

MidKent College and RBLI Employment Solutions are working in partnership to support disabled applicants. For assistance please contact RBLI on 0800783114 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk

For an application pack and further details visit www.midkent.ac.uk or e mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 383102.

The College is committed to safeguarding children and young people therefore any offer of employment will be subject to a CRB check.



PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

Teachers Needed Primary, Secondary and SEN.

Capita Education Resourcing is the leading provider of educational staff throughout the UK.

Our dedicated and friendly Kent team can provide you with:

- ✓ Daily/weekly/termly supply opportunities
- ✓ Excellent rates of pay – paid weekly
- ✓ Free in-service training and CPD assessment
- ✓ Free use of resource centre
- ✓ An out-of-hours service

Even if you can only spare one day a week we would love to hear from you.

To find out more information
and to register with us, please call us free on:

0800 731 6871

or email

enquiry.ers@capita.co.uk

CAPITA
EDUCATION RESOURCING
(Ags)

Committed to equal opportunities

Find a job online



JobsforKent.co.uk
The smart way to find a
job in the County

RECRUITMENT SENSE

where service,
safety and savings
come as standard

teachers from only £155 +vat

01622 623114

www.recruitmentsense.com



Find a job online



Register your details and we'll email
you daily with new jobs that match
your selected criteria

JobsforKent.co.uk
The smart way to find a job in the County

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Folkstone Town Council Office, 4-5 Princes Gate, Folkstone**

Applicant: **Sharon Birch**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Mountains, Noble Tree Road, Hildenborough**

Applicant: **Shirley Spencer**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



PLANNING

BE PART
OF YOUR
COMMUNITY



Advertise
here
Call
01303
817150
www.
kentnews
.co.uk

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/11/1147/N - 34 HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JH - Change of use from A1 (retail) to A5 (hot food takeaway) and installation of extract system. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1177/N - 2, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4LP - Change of use building from C3 Dwelling to C1 Student Boarding House. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1433/N - LINSBOT, ROUNDWELL, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4HJ - Resubmission of MA/11/0638 (Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of two chalet bungalows with double garages (Amendments to design of approved application MA/07/0717)) being amendments to include a retaining wall and fencing to the front and side boundaries; and alterations to the internal arrangement resulting in alterations to the arrangement of openings. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1481/S - LAND SOUTH OF 1, BELL LANE, STAPLEHURST, KENT, TN12 0BA - Demolition of existing garage blocks and the erection of six two-bedroom elderly persons bungalows with associated parking and private amenity space, together with the alteration/improvement of the existing vehicular access from Bell Lane. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1494/N - 53, EYHORNE STREET, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TS - Erection of a single storey side extension, a two storey rear extension and changes to fenestration (revised scheme to MA/11/0536). **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1495/N - 53, EYHORNE STREET, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TS - Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing extensions. **Reason: 4**

MA/11/1502/N - 49 - 50 MARSHAM STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT - Conversion of dwelling into two dwellings. **Reason: 2**

MA/11/1515/S - SWAN HOUSE, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HS - Erection of post and rope boundary treatment including lockable post to vehicle entrance of site. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1516/ - SWAN HOUSE, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HS - Listed building consent for the erection of post and rope boundary treatment including lockable post to vehicle entrance of site. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1525/N - THORNHAM MILL PLACE, OTHAM LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8SJ - Extensions to existing outbuilding. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1526/S - HENIKERS, HENIKER LANE, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3EE - Listed building consent for conversion of existing garage to form new kitchen/breakfast room, alterations to form garden store within existing kitchen/utility room, and re-cladding of existing storage barn with soft-wood weatherboarding stained black. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1589/N - 72, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, ME14 1SN - Extension and alterations to create seven apartments. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1540/S - FORMER WHATMAN SITE PARKWOOD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BIRCHOLT ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9XJ - Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a new Royal Mail Delivery Office (Class B8 use) together with the construction of a new footpath along part of the existing access road from Bircholt Road. **Reason: 6**

Reasons for advertisement key:

1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **23rd October 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 9th October 2011



Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/11/01226/FUL: 42 High Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1ST First-floor extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Ufton**
Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01452/FUL: The Coach House, 7 Mill Road, Sturry. **CT2 0AJ** Demolition of existing buildings and erection of seven dwellings with associated parking. **Applicant: Mr Marsh** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01518/FUL: Herne House, Canterbury Road, Herne, **CT6 7JX** Erection of two outbuildings and conversion of an existing outbuilding for use as a boarding cattery. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs White** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01574/LUE: Telephone Exchange, Ashford Road, Chatham, **CT4 7HS** Certificate of lawful use (existing) for building as a single dwelling house. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hutchings** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01583/FUL: 12 Downs Park, Herne Bay, **CT6 6BY** Replacement windows to front elevation. **Applicant: Mrs Diane Nutter**
Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01598/ADV: Student Union Building, Canterbury Christ Church University, North Holmes Road, Canterbury, **CT1 1QU** Externally illuminated fascia and projecting/hanging signs. **Applicant: Canterbury Christ Church University** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01599/FUL: 2 Clavering Cottages, The Mint, Church Hill, Harbledown, **CT2 8NN** Two and single-storey side and rear extension to dwelling and provision of two first-floor windows in the flank elevation. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr De Hann** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01600/TAM: Land to the side of 1 Cromwell Road fronting Puckle Lane, Canterbury, **CT1 3LB** Installation of equipment cabinet. **Applicant: Harlequin Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01608/TAM: Land outside Barton Grammar School, Longport, Canterbury, **CT1 1PH** Installation of equipment cabinet. **Applicant: Harlequin Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01623/FUL: 35 Spenser Road, Herne Bay, **CT6 5QN** Alterations to front boundary wall. **Applicant: Mr S King** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01628/FUL: 50 Mill Lane, Harbledown, **CT2 8NE** Change of use from C3 dwellinghouse to D1 nursery. **Applicant: Mrs K Tabony**
Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01631/FUL: 17 Cross Street, Canterbury, **CT2 8AT** Demolition of single-storey building to rear and erection of replacement two-storey extension. **Applicant: Central Properties (Keighley) Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/01645/LB: 17 Cross Street, Canterbury, **CT2 8AT** Demolition of single-storey building to rear and erection of replacement two-storey extension. **Applicant: Central Properties (Keighley) Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 31 October 2011**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 7 October 2011

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/02709/FUL **Botley 7 Nevill Park, Broadwater**
- Roof alterations and rear extension to existing garage block (CA)

11/02859/LBC **4 Cliffe Cottages North Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Widening of decayed dormer window to rear elevation (LB)

11/02883/HOUSE **Mayfield House Maypole Lane, Goudhurst**
- Open bay garage with garden store (CA)

11/02895/LBC **4 Cliffe Cottages North Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Structural repairs; window and front door repairs; external finishes and thermal insulation; repairs to kitchen floor and second floor; reinstatement of inglenook fireplace (LB)

11/02904/HOUSE **4 Cliffe Cottages North Road, Goudhurst**
- Widening of decayed dormer window to rear elevation (CA) (LB)

11/02800/FUL **North Hill Saw Mill North Hill Road, Hawkhurst**
- Demolition of workshop and erection of a live/work unit (CA)

11/02857/HOUSE **Conghurst Cottages Conghurst Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Conversion of two dwellings to single dwelling (LB)

11/02864/LBC **Conghurst Cottages Conghurst Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Listed building consent - Conversion of two dwellings to single dwelling (LB)

11/02873/FUL **Longbrooks Farm Knowle Road, Paddock Wood**
- New shared replacement drive, 3.7m wide, to access Longbrooks Farmhouse and Hawkbrand House (LB)

11/02788/HOUSE **Garden Cottage 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Removal of existing fence fronting Pembury Road and erection of new fence with landscaping (CA)

11/02641/HOUSE **The Manor House 3 Lower Green Road, Pembury**
- Single-storey rear conservatory (CA) (LB)

11/02642/LBC **The Manor House 3 Lower Green Road, Pembury**
- Listed Building Consent - Single-storey rear conservatory (LB)

11/02592/FUL **15B Church Road Southborough, Southborough North**
- Change of use from B1/B8 to D2 (Retrospective) (CA) (LB)

11/02793/FUL **Land Rear Of 35 London Road, Southborough North**
- Demolition of an existing B1 use building and construct a two storey, two bedroom dwelling (CA)

11/02892/HOUSE **4 Kibbles Lane Southborough, Southborough North**
- Orangery to rear elevation and ground floor extension front elevation (CA) (LB)

11/02742/FUL **Burrswood Groombridge, Speldhurst**
- Remedial work to unstable wall (LB)

(DEV/PLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA)
Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 8 October 2011



Public Notice

9 October 2011



Local Government Act 1972 – Section 123(2A) (as inserted by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980)

Proposed disposals of land at Whitstable Harbour, Whitstable which are designated as public open spaces.

Canterbury City Council hereby gives notice of their intention to dispose of land at Whitstable Harbour, Whitstable, which are designated as public open spaces, by the granting of two leases to Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company for use as decking areas to a restaurant on an adjoining site and for car parking.

The proposed lands to be leased are as follows:

Site A – 169.3 sq m being an area of the East Quay with access via a narrow section of the shingle beach.

Site B – 221.1 sq m and is a section of shingle beach immediately to the seaward side of the East Quay restaurant.

Site C – 222.6 sq m and is an area of the harbour which has been laid out as a car park but was formerly used as a Sea Scouts boat park.

A plan showing the above areas may be inspected at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays.

Anyone wishing to make objections to the proposed disposals of land should make them in writing to David Reed, Strategic Director, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW so as to arrive not later than **Monday 7 November 2011**.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW

Be the
first in
line to
receive
the
latest
top
Kent
jobs

Register
your details
and
we'll email
you daily
with new
jobs that
match your
selected
criteria

JobsforKent.co.uk
The smart way to
find a job in
the County

POWERED BY KOS MEDIA

JobsforKent.co.uk
The smart way to find a job in the County

PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Riley Fabrication Services Limited of unit 5, The Nortons, Collier Street, Marden, Kent. TN12 9RR is applying for licence to use Unit 5, The Nortons, Collier Street, Marden, Kent. TN12 9RR as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and to use as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Ivy House, 3 Ivy Terrace, Eastbourne, BN21 4QT stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representation is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office. www.businesslink.gov.uk

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

**Kent Police Authority
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11 NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF AUDIT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under Regulation 11 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, the District Auditor has completed the audit of the above accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011.

An unqualified opinion and the audit certificate on the accounts were issued by the District Auditor on 29 July 2011. On the same date, the District Auditor issued an unqualified conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing value for money as required by the Audit Commission's Code of Practice. The Auditor has not identified any issues of public interest to report under Section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998.

In accordance with Section 14 of the 1998 Act, any local government elector for the area may:

Inspect and make copies of the Statement of Accounts
Ask the Authority for a copy of the Statement of Accounts
The Statement of Accounts is available for inspection by any local government elector for the area at Kent Police Headquarters, Sutton Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9BZ, on weekdays (excluding public holidays) between 9am and 4pm.

The accounts can also be found at www.kentpoliceauthority.gov.uk/policy-spending/statement-of-accounts

David Lewis
Treasurer

**Public Notice**

9 October 2011

**Local Government Act 1972 – Section 123(2A) (as inserted by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980)****Proposed disposal of land adjacent to 92 Wincheap, Canterbury which is designated as public open space.**

Canterbury City Council hereby gives notice of their intention to dispose of land adjacent to 92 Wincheap, Canterbury, which is designated as public open space.

The proposed land to be disposed of is 74.68 sq m and is an area which formed the former public conveniences.

A plan showing the above area may be inspected at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays.

Anyone wishing to make objections to the proposed disposal of the land should make them in writing to the David Reed, Strategic Director, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW so as to arrive not later than **Monday 7 November 2011**.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH EE477 EYTHORNE)
PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 to create new length of Public Footpath numbered EE477 with a width of 2.0 metres which commences at NGR TR 2864 4885 (Point C) on the Order plan, and continues in a north north-easterly direction for 188 metres to NGR TR 2872 4903 (Point D). Between points C-D on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Dover District Council, Dover Gateway, Church Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1PD or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 07 November 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH EE351 EYTHORNE)
PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP
AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered EE351 which commences at NGR TR 2856 4889 (point A) on the Order Plan, and continues in a north north-easterly direction for 170 metres to NGR TR 2862 4905 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Dover District

Council, Dover Gateway, Church Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1PD or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 07 November 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

**PROW - BOROUGH OF
TONBRIDGE & MALLING****NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS
MU88 AND MU43 IN TONBRIDGE****PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MU88 AND MU43
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984,
SECTION 14(3) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath MU88 between Scott Road and Masefield Way and Footpath MU43 between Sussex Road and (Hayesbrook School) on Brook Street from the 21st October 2011.

The paths will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that they will reopen before 1st November 2011.

The paths are to be closed because works are planned on or near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michele Snoding

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 9th October 2011

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service,
on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

**BE PART
OF YOUR
COMMUNITY**

Advertise here
Call 01303 817150
www.kentnews.co.uk

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES
AND DEATHS****Including family announcements in partnership with the
Kent registration service**

To register Births, Marriages and Deaths contact the Kent registration service on 0845 824 7400

For advertising announcement enquiries telephone Kent on Sunday 01303 817150

BIRTHS**COOK / JEFFERY**

Helen Cook and Luke Jeffery celebrate the birth of their daughter Cara Louise Jeffery on 10th September 2011, weighing 5lbs 2oz, arriving 7 weeks early.

MUNDAY

Poppy born on 22nd September 2011, weighing 7lbs. Daughter to Michelle and Daniel and sister to Harrison.

SMITH

Rhian and Benn of Nonington are delighted to announce the birth of Max Alexander Charles Smith on 15th September 2011

DEATHS**DAISY**

Len Daisy passed away peacefully on the 27th September 2011. Re-united with his beloved wife Joan and son Jeff. Funeral to be arranged enquiries to H R Palmer on 01843 592720, all welcome.

VICKERS

Dora Irene of Ashley, Kent passed away peacefully on the 25th September 2011 aged 86 years. Theres an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone, and there, in a

light we cannot see, you will remain close to me.

WOLF

To my beloved husband Daniel Wolf (Wolfie) Died suddenly on 20th September 2011 aged 48 years. A true gentleman who served his community well, who was deeply loved and missed by all. Close family floral tributes only please, donations to Kent Air Ambulance via Pickard and Beale Memorial service at All Saints Church Staplehurst on Tuesday 11th October at 12.00pm to be followed by cremation at Vinters Park at 2.00pm.

**To advertise in this section**

Call 01303 817150
www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

newspapers • magazines • online • events • mobile and iPad

JobsforKent.co.uk

The smart way to find a job in the County

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Ashford Borough Council

A28 ASHFORD ROAD, HIGH HALDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A28 Ashford Road, High Halden, on or after 27 October 2011 for up to 2 nights, between 7.30 pm and 5.00 am.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Sunnydale.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Church Hill and Cripple Hill.

The alternative route is via Church Hill, Plurenden Road, Bethersden Road and Woodchurch Road.

A292 HYPHE ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A292 Hythe Road, Ashford, on or after 26 October 2011 for up to 2 nights between 9.00 pm and midnight, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Dering Road and Gordon Close.

The One-way Traffic Orders in respect of Star Road, Wallis Road and Dering Road will be suspended to allow access / exit.

The alternative route is via A292 Mace Lane, A2042 Wellesley Road, Station Road, Beaver Road, Romney Marsh Road, A2070 Bad Munstereifel Road, Willesborough Interchange and A292 Hythe Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CANTERBURY ROAD & BORSTAL HILL, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road & Borstal Hill, Whitstable, from 28 October until 5 November 2011 inclusive, between 7.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Gordon Road and Belmont Road.

The alternative routes are shown below, and are subject to a 13' 3" height restriction at Herne Bay Road

Northbound via B2205 Borstal Hill, A2990 Thanet Way, Herne Bay Road (note 13' 3" height restriction), St Swithin's Road, Tankerton Road, Tower Parade, Harbour Street, High Street and Oxford Street

Southbound via Cromwell Road, B2205 Tower Parade, Tankerton Road, Bennells Avenue, Herne Bay Road (note 13' 3" height restriction), A2990 Thanet Way and Borstal Hill.

Certain side roads will be closed at their junction with Canterbury Road as the works progress, with local diversions set up wherever possible.

SEA VIEW ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of remedial carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sea View Road, Herne Bay, on or after 25 October 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Beltinge Road and Reculver Road.

The alternative routes are

Southbound via Beltinge Road and Cliff Avenue

Northbound via Reculver Road. Grange Road, Landon Road and Beltinge Road.

A28 WINCHEAP / THANINGTON ROAD, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A28 Wincheap / Thanington Road, Canterbury, from 14 October until 28 October 2011 inclusive.

The planned work times are between 8.00 pm and midnight, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Ten Perch Road and Simmonds Road.

The alternative route is via Ten Perch Road, The Boundary, Cotton Road, Cow Lane and Simmonds Road.

Local side roads will be closed at their junctions with Wincheap at certain times as the works progress. This will be signposted on site, with local diversions.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of York Road will be suspended when it is closed at the junction with Wincheap, to allow traffic to exit.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

A258 DEAL ROAD, WORTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A258 Deal Road, Worth, on or after 16 October 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Jubilee Road, Worth.

There will be no access for through traffic between Deal and Sandwich using the A258.

The alternative route is via A258 Deal Road, A256 Sandwich Road, Eastry By-pass, Whitfield By-pass, Dover Road, A2 between A256 Junction and Duke of York Roundabout, A258 Deal Road, Dover Road, The Strand, Victoria Road, Ranelagh Road, (Deal Castle Road in reverse), Prince of Wales Terrace, Broad Street, Queen Street and London Road.

MILL ROAD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Road, Deal, on or after 24 October 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the north of the junction with Hamilton Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Hamilton Road and Sycamore Drive.

The alternative route is via Mill Road, B2056 Manor Road, St Leonard's Road, A58 London Road and Allenby Avenue.

SANDWICH ROAD, EYTHORNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install and new frame and cover in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandwich Road, Eythorne, on or after 26 October 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 33.

The alternative route is via Green Lane, Monkton Court Lane, The Street and Sandwich Road.

ST RADIGUND'S ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of essential drainage works to prevent flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Radigund's Road, Dover, on or after 10 October 2011 for up to 11 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A256 London Road and Lister Court.

The alternative route is via London Road, Eric Road and Oswald Road.

The One-way Traffic Order between the junctions with London Road and Magdala Road will be suspended to allow access.

A256 YORK STREET, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting northbound traffic on the A256 York Street, Dover, on or after 11

October 2011 for up to 5 weekdays or until the works have been completed.

The northbound carriageway of York Street will be closed for its entire length between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm each week day and re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route is via A20 Snargate Street, Limekiln Street, Archcliffe Road, A20 Trunk Road and B2011 Folkestone Road.

Durham Hill will be closed at the junction with York Street, with a local diversion via North Military Road and South Military Road.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Maison Dieu Road will be suspended between the junctions with Castle Street and Pencester Road for up to 7 days. This only applies to buses on stage carriage services and access for residents on the south western side of this section of road.

There will be No Right Turn from Dieu Stone Lane into Maison Dieu Road, and traffic will need to turn left.

HIGHWAYS - District of Gravesham

SHEPHERD STREET, GRAVESEND - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Shepherd Street, Gravesend between Salem Place and Dover Road.

The Order will become effective on 10th October 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Dover Road (southbound), Vale Road, A226 Thames Way, Springhead Road, York Road and Shepherd Street. Dover Road (northbound), B2175 The Hill, Springhead Road and Shepherd Street.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a gas main.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DEAN STREET, EAST FARLEIGH (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Dean Street, outside Frith Farm on or after Sunday 30th October 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Forge Lane, Vicarage Lane, B2010 Lower Road, Gallants Lane, B2163 Heath Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a new electric supply. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Alen Piralic of Renteq Traffic Management Ltd on 01634 256291

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF EASTBOUND TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by traffic on the sections of road as detailed below:-

Fairmeadow into High Street, Maidstone - Prohibition of traffic with the exception of buses and taxis. The alternative route for access to High Street/Mill Street will be via Earl Street and Pudding Lane.

Pudding Lane into High Street, Maidstone - Prohibition of traffic with the exception of buses, taxis, disabled badge holders and for access to off street premises. Access for loading will be permitted between the times 5.30pm to 10.30am.

The Order will come into operation on Friday 14th October 2011 and will be in use when required as indicated by signage on site over a period of up to 12 weeks or until such works are completed.

Eurovia Contracting Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for the construction of the Maidstone High Street Public Realm Project. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Matthew Taylor on 01622 754383.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CHAPMANS ROAD, SUNDRIDGE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Chapmans Road, Sundridge from Church Road to the roundabout.

The Order will become effective on 24th October 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Church Road, A25 Main Road, New Road, Woodside Road, Chapmans Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching.

PILGRIMS WAY EAST, KEMSING - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Pilgrims Way East, Kemsing between The Landway and Cotmans Ash Lane.

The Order will become effective on 24th October 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 25th October 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: The Landway, West End, High Street, Heaverham Road, Cotmans Ash Lane and Pilgrims Way East.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of overhead power lines.

SPEEDGATE, FAWKHAM AND MUSSENDEN LANE, HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Speedgate Hill, Fawkham between Three Gates Road and Valley Road, the order also includes the closure of Mussenden Lane, Horton Kirby and South Darenth between Three Gates Road and Lombard Street.

The Order for closure of Speedgate Hill will become effective on 24th October 2011, the order will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 week at Speedgate Hill, Fawkham.

The works at Mussenden Lane will commence on 3rd November 2011 and last 2 weeks on Mussenden Lane, Horton Kirby and South Darenth. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Speedgate Hill - Three Gates Road, Scudders Hill and Valley Road.

Mussenden Lane - Three Gates Road, School Lane and Lombard Street

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new low voltage mains cable.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - In the District of Sevenoaks and the Borough of Tunbridge Wells

POUNDSBRIDGE LANE, PENSURST - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Poundsbridge Lane, Penshurst between B2176 Penshurst Road and Poundsbridge Hill.

The Order will become effective on 24th October 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 10 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: B2176 Rogues Hill, B2188 High Street, B2188 Fordcombe Road, B2188 New Road, B2188 Saints Hill, B2188 Spring Hill, The Lane (Fordcombe Lane), Poundsbridge Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate ditching, verge repair and patching works.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

MAYNARD AVENUE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new wastewater connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Maynard Avenue, Margate, on or after 10 October 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Westfield Road.

The alternative route is via B2052 George V Avenue and Westfield Road.

MONKTON ROAD, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of remedial repairs to the road surface, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Monkton Road, Minster, on or after 24 October 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Prospect Road.

The alternative route is via Monkton Road, Monkton Street, Willets Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West and Tothill Street.

A254 RAMSGATE ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce during railway bridge repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A254 Ramsgate Road, Margate, in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The planned closure times are
26 October 2011 at 11.00 pm until 27 October at 7.00 am
31 October 2011 at 11.00 pm until 1 November at 7.00 am

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Connaught Road and Queens Avenue.

The alternative routes are
Northbound via B2052 College Road, A255 St Peter's Road and Ramsgate Road

Southbound via (A255 Grosvenor Gardens, High Street) St Peter's Road, B2052 College Road, and Ramsgate Road

A256 RICHBOROUGH WAY & A299 HENGIST WAY, MINSTER (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce during the construction of the East Kent Access road, Kent County

Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 50 mph on the A256 Richborough Way & A299 Hengist Way, Minster, on or after 10 October 2011 for up to 6 months or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected are the A256 'Richborough Way' from Ebbsfleet Roundabout to and including the new Sevenscore Roundabout, and the new A299 'Hengist Way' from Sevenscore Roundabout to a point approximately 20 metres south of Cliffsend Roundabout.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (ASHES LANE, HADLOW) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Ashes Lane between A26 Tonbridge Road and High House Lane on or after Wednesday 26th October 2011 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Cuckoo Lane, Higham Lane, Ashes Lane.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for cabling. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Rachel Cross on 0870 050079.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BUS LANE, RAILWAY STATION, TONBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the bus lane outside of Tonbridge Railway Station on or after Monday 10th October 2011 when required for a period of up to 25 weeks or until such works are complete.

John Sisk & Son Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to allow station refurbishment works to be carried out safely. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Frank Uzokwe on 01727 875551.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BUTCHERS LANE, MEREWORTH) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Butchers Lane between numbers 240 and 250 on or after Monday 24th October 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Beech Road, Beauffighter Road, A228 Malling Road, The Street, Butchers Lane.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (OLDBURY LANE, IGHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Oldbury Lane, Igham outside Oldbury Barn on or after Monday 24th October when required for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is Igham bypass (access will be available at all times).

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to allow access to replace Gas Mains. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Ben Eastwood. On 0800111999

For further information or comment please call Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (B2169 FURNACE LANE, HOOK GREEN, LAMBERHURST, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce various speed limits on the following road or lengths of road;

Schedule 1 - (40 mph Speed Limit)

B2169 Furnace Lane Hook Green Lamberhurst	From a point 142 metres eastwards of the junction centre-line of Clay Hill Road.
Clay Hill Road, Lamberhurst	From its junction with B2169 Furnace Lane north-eastwards for a distance of 47 metres.
Free Heath Road, Lamberhurst	From its junction with B2169 Furnace Lane south-westwards for a distance of 73 metres.

Schedule 2 - (50 mph Speed Limit)

B2169 Furnace Lane Hook Green Lamberhurst	From a point 32 metres westwards of the centre line of the access road to Lamberhurst Manor to a point 142 metres eastwards of the centre line of Clay Hill Road, and from a point 48 metres eastwards of the East Sussex boundary and to a point 14 metres westwards from the centre-line of the access road to Nos. 2 & 3 Bull Lane Cottages.
Neills Road, Lamberhurst	From its junction with B2169 Furnace Lane south-westwards for a distance of 32 metres.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for, or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations, quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8AD or by email to td.sevenoaks.twells@kent.gov.uk by 7th November 2011.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LANGTON ROAD, SPELDHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Langton Road outside The Glebe House on or after Sunday 30th October 2011 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Langton Road, Speldhurst Road, The Green, A264 Langton Road/Bishops Down/Mount Ephraim, A26 St Johns Road, Speldhurst Road, Etherington Hill, Speldhurst Hill.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a new service. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A268 LINK HILL, SANDHURST, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce various speed limits on the following road or lengths of road;

A268 Link Hill, Sandhurst	From a point 32 metres east of the junction centre-line of Marsh Quarter Lane and to a point 65 metres east of the junction centre-line of Lomas Lane.
---------------------------	--

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for, or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations, quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8AD or by email to td.sevenoaks.twells@kent.gov.uk by 7th November 2011.

Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 9th October 2011

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

on 08458 247 800 (local rate)

or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



Meet your perfect partner through your local trusted dating service

Call: 0800 032 9100 to place a free ad

Women Seeking

Guxys Text n' Chat. Text in now and chat to local people.
Send : CHAT601 To : 65125
(T&C's below)

JANE 50, young at heart, GSOH, divorced, new to Worthing, seeks male who wants to do something adventurous like travel the USA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387526 ☺

LOOKING for company with someone who can restore my faith in the male species! Karen, sensual 36yr old brunette seeking genuine fun and frolics. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377107

LORRAINE single mum new to the area starting again, OHAC, GSOH, WLTm nice guy to cuddle up with and appreciate, maybe more. Single dad welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377097

LAURA slim attractive stylish feminine, GSOH looking for similar to enjoy good times with. Discretion expected/assured. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377095

KAREN 58, 5ft 6ins, medium build, fun loving, romantic, caring, extrovert, seeks male for similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387902

TALL long haired brunette, slim attractive, big green eyes, WLTm get for mutual companionship, maybe leading to more. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376559 ☺

MIA attractive slim fit female looking for someone to put the spark back in my life, seeking fun, adventurous and passionate male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376557 ☺

LYDIA quiet black female, slim, looking for love with nice guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376421 ☺

I don't wanna be alone and unattached for another Xmas! Bev, attractive, big hearted, many interests, seeks male willing to take an interest in me! Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376569 ☺

KAZ 32yr old intellectual mixed race female, likes gym, meals in/out, seeks reliable, honest male, 38-58yrs to get to know for ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376591 ☺

NATALIE blonde blue eyed nurse, 39yr old medium build, no ties, life is good but I'm missing someone to love and lust after. Can you help? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376589 ☺

DONNA 26yrs, blue eyes, blonde, bored of spending nights in alone, looking for average looking male, 23-55yrs for TLC. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376563 ☺

DONNA lost my faith in men and looking for someone feisty to relight my fire, are you the one, call me, whatya got to lose? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376705 ☺

JULIE pretty 38yr old Irish female who is lonely as new to the area, looking for male up to 65yrs for tactile companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374700

JANE passionate lady seeking unconventional young at heart male 35-50 for free spirited, open-minded fun and new experiences. Single dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375611

JEANETTE big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703

ANNETTE likes cinema, theatre, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387476 ☺

JENNY very young shy black female looking for reliable, genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374701

HELLO I'm Jane, attractive, genuine, caring, intelligent, romantic and single at 38yrs, what are you waiting for? Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677

26YR old Indian princess looking for discreet older N/S professional male to make life a bit more interesting and share mutual companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373089 ☺

HI I'm Louise, an easygoing sensual slim blonde looking for someone to have fun with initially maybe more later. Call me. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373009 ☺

DEE blonde, mature, young looking, seeking sugar daddy, any offers? Eastbourne. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387722 ☺

LINDA 68, N/S, likes nights in, meals out, holidays, GSOH, seeking a get 60-70 for LTR. Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375651

LIBBY 36, newly single, no hang-ups, WLTm outgoing male to wine/dine and forever be mine. Don't miss out! Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375607

TASHA 37, blonde taned and very pretty, seeks well dressed older male with GSOH for fun meals, loving treats and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375605

LESLIE 34yr old singleton, fun and vivacious looking for laughs/giggles with some great company. If you like the sound of me, pls call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375579

47YR old female, slim, seeks tall male for relationship. West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372783

JENNI 36 slim pretty black female, seeks tall white male who is going to take care of me and be loved in return. Dads welcome 30-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375767 ☺

KERRY 26yr old discreet attractive fit female who has been alone for far too long, looking for male 30-65yrs for convenient friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375765 ☺

JO bright bubbly attractive country loving lass, looking for solvent older male to have a really good time with. Is that you? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375763 ☺

KELLY blue eyed 21yr old blonde looking for someone who knows how to treat a lady for fun times together, 30-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375703 ☺

AFFABLE serene black attractive female, slim, 37, friendly, likes reading, nature, theatre, music, WLTm genuine, caring, N/S get, 34-47 to share laughter and life. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411

CHRIS attractive slim redhead seeks nice male to relax with, get to know and share a glass of wine and maybe a takeaway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375701 ☺

CHARLOTTE 30, sweet French female, long legs, sporty, fit and healthy, seeking well built, fit guy to share interests and show me new ones. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372687

GEORGINA likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426 ☺

LUCY bubbly attractive 32yr old blonde seeking similar naughty boy to share the good side of life with. Age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373109 ☺

CLAIRE Gorgeous fun loving brunette, 29, 5ft 4ins, employed, OHAC, looking for manly male up to 45yrs for no strings good times and fine wine. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373107 ☺

CASSIE looking for good times, laughs, meals out with down to earth male, 30-65yrs who is looking for fun not commitment. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375577

CAROL 39yrs attractive slim brunette just looking for genuine caring man for romance, meals in and maybe more. Any age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375575

JUDY 56, post op trans gender, seeks guy for LTR. Gosport/Fareham. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372269 ☺

DEBS petite brunette, 38yrs, well travelled, loves food and good wine, WLTm affectionate male for nice times. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372219 ☺

YOUNG looking petite female prepared to try anything once, looking for similar open-minded tactile guy for fun loving times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372217 ☺

CAROLINE 31, Attractive, slim but curvy brunette, witty and fun, seeking relaxed, male for fun times together. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373007 ☺

HI I'm Marie, a pretty middle aged lonely divorcee missing male company seeking love and laughter with likeminded man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373003 ☺

CHRISTINE attractive 49yr old female, N/S, caring, GSOH, genuine, seeks male partner of similar age in the Bucks area to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373997 ☺

QUIET genuine 53yr old female, GSOH, likes nights in/out, seeks 40-50yr old N/S male for friendship/LTR. Eastbourne. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386674 ☺

LOVELY tall slim nurse, very caring and fun but missing that va-va-voom! Seeks adventurous male who's up for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374159 ☺

FULL time vacancy arisen for open minded male seeking uncomplicated relationship with slim professional 39yr old female with wicked sense of humour. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374157 ☺

ATTRACTIVE cuddly, genuine, blue eyed blonde, 5ft 3ins, 65, N/S, GSOH, dog owner, animal lover, WLTm tall, well built, animal loving male, 50-69 for friendship, romance, maybe more. Basingstoke. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371467 ☺

LIFE begins at 40! Pam outgoing athletic brunette, tall, slender and attractive, WLTm older male with big personality for lots of fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374155 ☺

30'S female bored with staying in whilst everyone else goes out, looking for similar lonely heart, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370063

LIDDY 28yr old genuine kind hearted girl looking for older male, 34-46yrs who can replace the other half of me that's missing. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375157 ☺

ALICIA attractive petite female 22yrs, new to dating scene and area, loves nights in/out, WLTm male for adult fun. ACA. can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375135 ☺

AMANDA cuddly 36yr old easygoing caring lonely female just looking for love with nice guy, 30-55yrs. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375133 ☺

SASHA 28yr old beautiful surfer babe looking for fun initially, maybe more with fit confident male who can handle me. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375131 ☺

CAROL slim, blue eyed attractive lady looking for fun friendship maybe more with open minded male happy to accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374675

KAREN 36, pretty blonde who is stuck in a rut looking for easygoing kind guy for discreet romantic meals and fun drives out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374673

CUDDLY lady 65, blue eyed blonde, 5ft 3ins, 65, N/S, GSOH, animal lover, drives, WLTm tall, well built, caring single male, 50-70. Basingstoke. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371473

SICK of always taking life so seriously, looking for uncomplicated fun times with happy outgoing male. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371545

30'S female, easy-going, laidback, animal friendly, looking for that special person to share things with, any age/looks. Hope you call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372233 ☺

TALL slim animal haired sincere female, 37, looking for genuine fun relationship with open-minded male, 40-65yrs. Must be able to accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372055 ☺

ELIZABETH independent, no ties, solvent, fit and healthy, looking for similar passionate male, any age/looks for companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375161 ☺

SANDRA green eyed slim brunette, loves to keep fit, very competitive, seeks reliable mature male who can look after me and be loved in return. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375159 ☺

BLONDE young looking female, seeks older, generous guy to spoil her. Eastbourne. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369413 ☺

ACTIVE slim female 30yrs, easygoing, honest with GSOH and a passion for life looking for genuine man to fall for, 28-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370097

FEMININE slim, curvy lady 58, nice eyes/smile, seeks peace loving get, 50-69 to share travel, theatre, home life and meaningful relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370943

ANGELA divorced lady, seeking companion to share days out, cinema, meals etc. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387350 ☺

NICKY 47 slim, honest, loyal, seeks tall, dark haired man for relationship. Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387586

EM attractive full bodied lady, mild mannered, sensual nature, looking for happy times and loving future with appreciative man. Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372659

CLASSY lady, slim, pretty, young looking graduate, mixed race 38, London, seeking a sugar daddy to spoil and pamper me. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367031 ☺

BIG busty brunette, blue eyes, seeks sexy fella for fun times. Tunbridge Wells. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386430 ☺

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde who enjoys the simple life seeks understanding older male for fun casual relationship/friendship initially, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371547

SUSAN 38, affectionate outgoing medium built brunette, seeking tall male with GSOH for cosy evenings in with a good wine. Status/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374135 ☺

LINDA slim green eyed brunette WLTm independent, good looking, fun, outdoorsy type guy with nicees for easygoing relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374133 ☺

SINGLE confident black female 32yrs, very attractive with a great body! Loves doing fun and interesting things, seeking a real man. Any race/age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367999

TALL slim brunette with baby blue eyes seeks strong, sensitive male who knows how and wants to enjoy life too. Can travel/accommodate. 28-47yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367979

BUSTY nurse slim fit 10, brunette, just looking for a bit of fun and good times with understanding nice younger man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372588

VERY good looking Turkish female looking to meet male 29-45 for fun friendship. Looks/race/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370183 ☺

ACTIVE solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370181 ☺

CONFIDENT fun female bored of spending time alone, looking for fun male to share lots of laughs and good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370177 ☺

STRIKING blonde 22, green eyes, wicked sense of humour, discreet, lots of spare time at home, looking for open minded friendship 35-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367977

YOUNG at heart lady with lots to offer Mr Right, looking for open-minded special male for adult fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370013 ☺

SONYA 35, voluptuous, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft 8ins, mum of 2, employed, seeks N/S male up to 46 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Children/animals welcome. Littlehampton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368467 ☺

DIVORCED lonely single mum, blue eyes, employed, OHAC, lots of interests, looking for someone to enjoy life with again. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370011 ☺

33YR old slim curvy dark haired female with a GSOH, loves to spend time indoors and the simple things. WLTm similar male, 38-46yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370057

I'M Gorgeous, lively and an outrageous flirt seeking a similar professional who thinks he can handle me, fun times guaranteed. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369223

STUNNING full figured blonde nurse, 32, funny and romantic, WLTm uncomplicated, reliable male, 50-65yrs for companionship also more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369221

PAULA tactile and cuddly with blue eyes looking for someone nice who can appreciate a feminine sensual lady. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373585

LISA 19 curvy brown eyed brunette looking for a fun relationship with caring male up to 67yrs who will appreciate and look after me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374131 ☺

BLUE eyed redhead, medium/curvy build, very feminine, looking for male friend for discreet meals and fun text. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372053 ☺

Men Seeking

Ladies Text n' Chat. Text in now and chat to local people.
Send : CHAT601 To : 65125
(T&C's below)

DAVID 75, generous, homely own flat, lonely, seeks female, 50-70 for companionship, possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375193

MARK 37, 5ft 9ins, brown hair/eyes, seeks female, 26-40. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388040 ☺

DAVID 62, gentleman, believes in a disciplined approach to life, seeks young likeminded lady text DATING relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377449

CHRIS young 61, loves animals, cooking, travel, seeks nice lady for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388018 ☺

STEVE 36 funny, likes a laugh, few drinks at the weekend, easygoing looking for special female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388010 ☺

NIGEL 42, likes cinema, meals out, seeks similar female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387996 ☺

WHITE male, 6ft 1ins, 38, blue eyes, medium build, shaved hair, likes music, seeks Indian/Asian lady for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372773 ☺

DEREK black male, seeking mature female for friendship and serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387986 ☺

MARK sincere, honest, sensitive, late 30's, slim, size 10 lingerie wearer, seeks sincere, slim female for friendship and fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376389 ☺



GENUINE racy female with a compassionate side looking for similar man to share lots of laughter and romantic nights in/out, 36-66yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370109 ☺

PETITE 37yr old nurse with no ties looking for someone nice to spend some romantic time with, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370107 ☺

FIT female 39, enjoys good conversation, laughs and walking bare foot in the grass, WLTm similar sensual male for tactile friendship/more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372663

KATHY attractive single mum 25, slim, dark hair/eyes, discreet, fed up with being alone, looking older male for mutual tie. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372661

LISTEN up! Attractive female, WLTm able into music, films, sport and theatre. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367971

DAVID 58, professional, looking for an easygoing lady for a LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367157

GERRY 5ft 4ins, medium build, blue eyes, likes gym, walks, cycling, holidays, dining in/out, seeks lovely female to share time with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367675 ☺

JAMES professional, 50's, 5ft 10ins, well travelled, seeks sensual, feminine, slim lady, 35-52, any race. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376723

WORTHING guy 30's, N/S, likes restaurants, seeking Worthing with fit 55yr old real man. South Coast. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387886

ROBERT 55, self employed, N/S, seeks slim lady, 50-65 for friendship. East Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387884 ☺

DAVID easygoing, personable 58, 6ft, slim, blue eyes, clean shaven, loyal, tactile, seeks female 30-55 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376467 ☺

I'M the one! Young 60, GSOH, likes seas/countryside, short weekend breaks, dining in/out, phone now to hear more. Shepperton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376455

TONY 31, caring, brown hair/eyes, seeks female, 21-45 to share time with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376313 ☺

MAL 57, N/S, driver, tall, GSOH, truthful, honest, seeks female for LTR, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376773 ☺

ROLAND 58, single, N/S, looking for female for friendship, companionship, nights in and out. West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387804 ☺

JOHN 60, lonely, retired businessman, seeking mature lady for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376543 ☺

MICHAEL 44, friendly fun, seeking fun female for casual meets. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376321 ☺

JAMES professional, seeking female for fun times. Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375913

MALCOLM 65, 5ft 10ins, medium build, young outlook, fit, GSOH, no ties, well travelled, N/S, tactile, caring, varied interests, seeks slim lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387740

MARK 48, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, short hair, good physique, fun, passionate, considerate, nice clothes/car, seeks fun female, 45-60 for meetings and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387718 ☺

MARK 46, likes theatre, cinema, seeking female for companionship and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375891 ☺

YOUNG 61yr old Bexhill man, 5ft 8ins, likes cats, cooking, travel, seeks female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387582

TALL caring, considerate male, 52, no ties, seeks female, 42-52 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375717 ☺

NAUGHTY lady 50 plus sought to enjoy naughty fun and friendship with fit 55yr old real man. South Coast. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375083



Enjoy this relaxing walk one afternoon

SEE PAGE 46

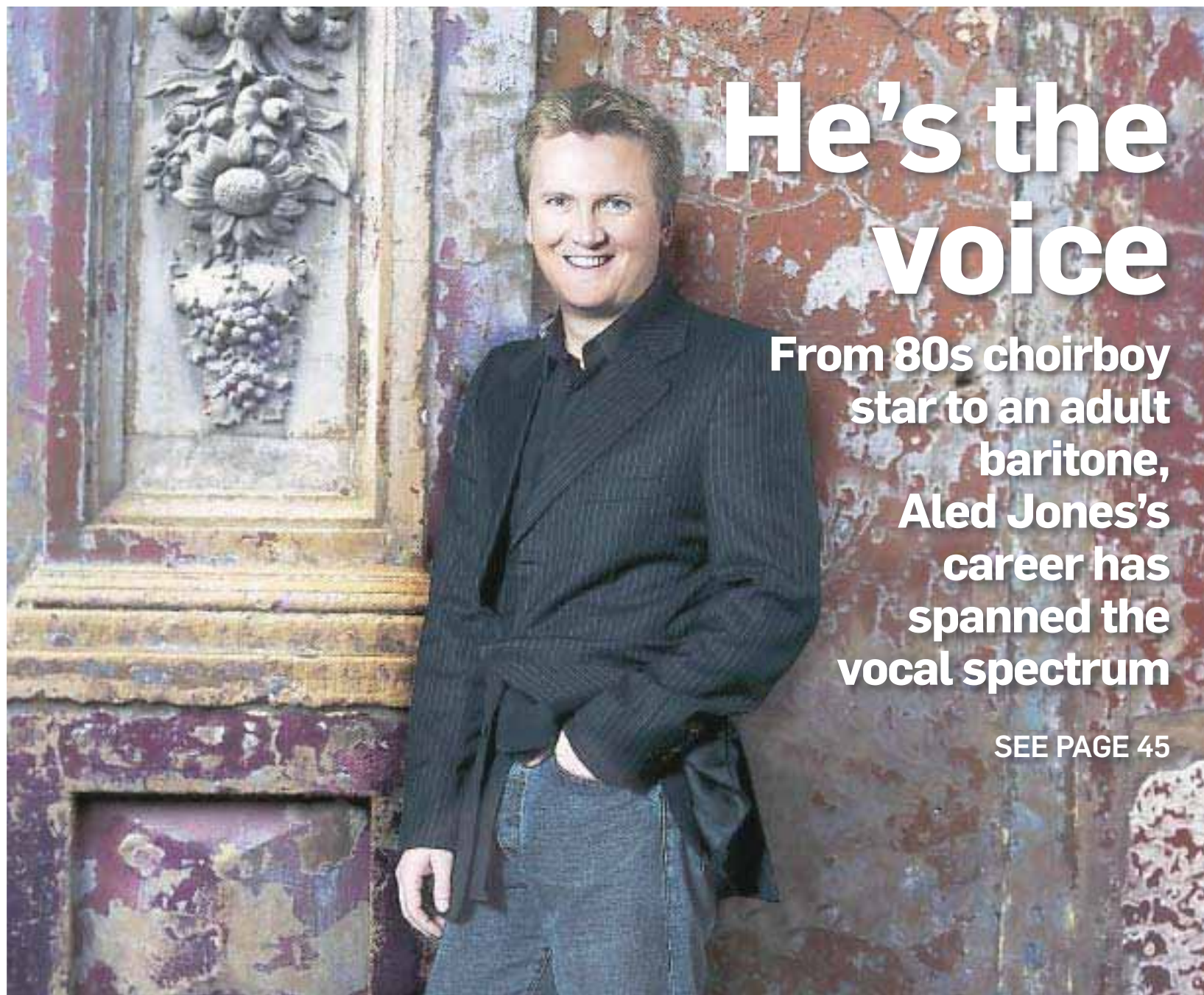


**STAGE
READY**

Your guide to the county's finest entertainment

SEE PAGE 51

Kent Weekend



He's the voice

From 80s choirboy star to an adult baritone, Aled Jones's career has spanned the vocal spectrum

SEE PAGE 45

PLUS: Ancient text brings historic city to life in exhibition - **kent remembered p47** We highlight the best places to dine around the county - **eating out p48** Chevrolet's darling takes on a racy image in its new incarnation - **driving p67**



Live the dream
at BEAUTIFUL

Bradgate Park

Experience the difference

Brand new luxury
holiday homes available
from just £25,000

**Pre-owned homes from only
£9,000 inc. site fees.**

Situated 2 miles from Broadstairs and walking
distance to Westwood Cross Shopping Centre.

We are a quiet, family-run park
with heated pool, gym, launderette
and bar/restaurant.

Wifi Broadband available.

Call

01843 823207

or

07815 823207

www.bradgatepark.co.uk

Sorry, not suitable for children.

THE INTERVIEW

Aled Jones

WHEN Aled Jones sprang into the public eye in the early 80s, it was as a small angelic choirboy with a remarkably clear treble voice. Since then, he has adapted and survived and spent almost 30 years in showbusiness.

He brings his latest show An Evening With Aled Jones to Tunbridge Wells this month.

He said: "This show involves a mixture of songs and chat. I have been fortunate to have seen a lot of the world as I started in this business so young, so I want to share it. I will also be doing an Ask Aled section where the audience can ask me questions."

Jones's youthful talent led to performances in front of the Queen, the Pope and Charles and Diana. He sold more than six million albums before his voice broke at 16.

However, growing up did not seem to be too much of a trauma.

He said: "It was fine. I just spent time after my voice broke playing tennis and being normal."

After studying at the Royal Academy Of Music and Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, Jones resurrected his recording career as a baritone. He also appeared in musicals such as Joseph And His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and White Christmas.

His love of music has not diminished.

"It is so important to me and I love singing. I love it as much now as ever. I don't see myself as a celebrity – I like to think of myself as an entertainer," he said.

The 40-year-old has become a familiar presenter on radio and television. He is best known as one of the presenters on Songs Of Praise.

He said: "I love doing the show. It is great fun. I get to travel and meet fantastic people and I love being part of it."

Thanks to Songs Of Praise, the singer's popularity has grown worldwide. In recent years he has done extensive tours of Australia, where he has a large fan base.

In his latest show he will be singing songs from his new album Forever. The singer co-wrote the title song on the album, which includes many familiar favourites.

Jones said: "I have a few in the show that I really like, such as You Raise Me Up, and also Hushabye is great. I think the repertoire in this show will please everyone."

Jones is best known for his songs with a Christian element, but was he ever jealous of his more outrageous rock-star counterparts?

He said: "My musical taste is varied. I like most genres, but I am happy with my lot.

Join Aled for the evening

Ed Hill speaks to the man who turned his childhood talent for song into a lifelong career



Currently I listen to Elbow, a great band."

As well as presenting on TV, Jones does a number of radio shows, such as Friday Night Is Music Night on Radio 2 and The Choir, currently on Radio 3.

And he is drawing on his experience as a child star to help mentor the young singer Isabel Suckling, who was the youngest classical recording artist signed by Decca after a nationwide hunt to find a top choirgirl.

He also has a regular show on Radio Wales. Jones was raised in the small Welsh-speaking community of Llandegfan in Anglesey.

He said: "I am very proud of being Welsh. Welsh is my first language and I go back there as often as my work permits. My parents are still there. You never leave Wales, really."

And what about the latest ways to find young talent? Jones's first success came from massive record sales of Walking In The Air. How does he

think he would have fared on The X Factor?

He said: "The industry has changed a lot. The world has. It is hard to say about The X Factor and me. I am not knocking anyone on X Factor. It is good to have a platform and they have found great singers like Rhydian."

■ **Aled Jones is at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, October 12. For tickets, call 01892 530613 or visit www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.**

ON SALE NOW! - It's never too early to book your pantomime tickets!

TICKETS ONLY £13

Concessions £11
Family Ticket £48
Groups: 1 in 10 go free

Jack and the Beanstalk

Fri 23 Dec - Sat 7 Jan

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
0844 847 1776
www.leascliffhall.co.uk

WALKS

Otford

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent

Explore Kent



GETAWAY: A feature of this picturesque route is the varied wildlife, particularly the many species of butterflies that have made this part of the Kent Downs their home, from spring through to the autumn



Beginning and ending in the village of Otford, this five-mile walk has breathtaking views along the River Darent and the Kent Downs, offering up a few surprises along the way...

THIS peaceful and uplifting walk, starting and finishing in the village of Otford, along the Darent Valley Path, is an ideal way to spend an autumn afternoon. The village is on the River Darent, which flows northwards down the valley to the Thames from its source in the Kent Downs.

Notable landmarks are the Archbishop's Palace, the duck-pond roundabout and a scale model of the solar system that claims to be "the largest scale model in the world". Otford high street is also part of the old Pilgrims' Way and still features numerous medieval buildings.

As the sounds of village life disappear behind you, the route follows the banks of the River Darent towards Shoreham.

The Darent is a Kentish tributary of the River Thames and is about 25 miles in length, stretching from Westerham to Dartford.

The village of Shoreham is steeped in history and can provide a welcome break en

route, with four traditional independent pubs from which to choose.

Also in the village is the Shoreham Aircraft Museum, founded by volunteers in 1978 and dedicated to the airmen who fought in the skies over southern England in the Second World War.

The museum houses aviation relics excavated by the Shoreham Aircraft Preservation Society. These relics come from crashed RAF and Luftwaffe aircraft and are displayed alongside personal accounts of those involved.

Leaving Shoreham, you will pass the impressive churchyard of St Peter and St Paul and follow the route on an invigorating walk up the hillside towards the woodlands ahead. From here, picturesque glimpses of the valley below can be seen through the clearings.

Through mature woodland, the pathway continues before emerging on to an ancient trackway, with various viewing points taking in Otford and beyond to the Greensand Ridge of Sevenoaks.

At any time of year, this is an excellent place to pause and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere and the busy wildlife, including hundreds of colourful butterflies and wild flowers that thrive on the chalklands.

Butterflies are a feature of the Kent Downs from spring through to the autumn and the Adonis blue and chalkhill blue are completely dependant on the chalk grassland for their survival.

Other distinctive butterflies to look out for include the small blue, common blue, brown argus and marbled white.

Joining the famous North Downs Way National Trail for a short section, the route heads back towards Otford village.

While you're here, take some time to appreciate the fine medieval buildings or rest a while in one of the restaurants or traditional inns.

Location: Otford, TN14 5PG
Distance: 5 miles (8km), allow 3 hours

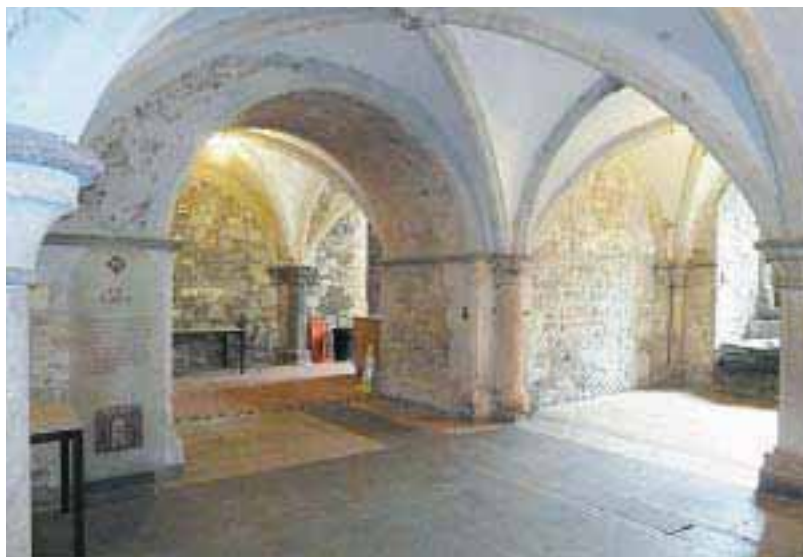
- **OS Explorer Map:** 147
- **Terrain:** steep, open farmland and hills
- **Stiles:** 8
- **Gates:** 6
- **Steps:** Two sets
- **Step count:** approx 10,000
- **Parking:** There is a free car park in Otford, opposite The Bull public house
- **Refreshments & facilities:** There are public houses and restaurants in Otford and Shoreham

Explore Kent

EXPLORE Kent is your one-stop shop for Kent's best walks, bike rides, horse rides and parks. With inspirational videos, a free iPhone map application, ideas for days out and much more, you can explore and enjoy Kent's countryside and coast.

Visit the website www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent, or phone 08458 247600 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm).

KENT REMEMBERED



LOTTERY WINNER: The crypt at Rochester Cathedral could soon be displaying important artefacts

Hidden treasures to emerge into the light

By Ed Hill

ed.hill@archant.co.uk

ANCIENT texts from Rochester Cathedral's library are closer to going on public display after a boost from the National Lottery.

The cathedral will receive £158,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards its Hidden Treasures, Fresh Expressions project.

Rochester Cathedral has nationally significant archives which are currently inaccessible to the public.

A jewel in its collection is the Textus Roffensis book. The volume is older, and according to some experts, even more significant than the Magna Carta.

The book is currently in the possession of Medway council at its studies centre.

Written by a scribe in around 1122 the Textus Roffensis or 'Book of the Church of Rochester through Bishop Ernulf' is actually two books combined.

The first part deals with the ancient Anglo Saxon laws described by King Ethelbert of Kent (who lived around the year 600).

It was written by a monk to mark coronation of Henry I and is thought to be one of the earliest examples of written English.

The second part is the earliest registry records of Rochester Cathedral. The two parts were bound together around the year 1300.

The Textus Roffensis has had a chequered history down the years. It has survived several attempts to steal it and at one time it was immersed in the



HISTORIC MANUSCRIPT: The ancient Textus Roffensis book

River Medway for a few hours when a ship it was being transported on sank.

The plan is to put the Textus Roffensis on display in the crypt and Chapter Library of the cathedral along with other treasures in the church's archive.

A cathedral spokesman said: "Rochester Cathedral believes in the ability of people to bring the cathedral's history alive through inventive activities and inspiring events."

"We are passionate about working in partnership, connecting with and working alongside individuals and communities."

"Through a specifically devised programme we hope not only to preserve the cathedral's heritage but encourage people to discover and explore the wonders of this unique building and its relevance for today."

The lottery money will go towards preparing a bid for full funding in the future. This first round pass means the project

meets Heritage Lottery Fund criteria for funding and it believes the project has potential to deliver high-quality benefits and value for money.

The application was in competition with other supportable projects, so a first-round pass is an endorsement of outline proposals.

The project now has up to two years to submit fully developed proposal to compete for a full award.

Stuart McLeod, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund for the South East, said: "The Heritage Lottery Fund is pleased to be able to support these exciting plans to revive Rochester Cathedral and help bring the cathedral's vision a step closer to reality."

"Rochester Cathedral is a heritage treasure, and this 'green light' means these proposals can now be further developed to ensure it is preserved for future generations to explore and enjoy."

Rochester is the second oldest cathedral in the country, and has an impressive late Norman nave.

It has been a centre for prayer for more than 1,400 years and has numerous hidden treasures.

Acting Dean Philip Hesketh said: "This is simply fantastic news: a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring the Textus Roffensis home and reveal more of the cathedral's hidden treasures."

The cathedral attracts 130,000 visitors each year.

■ For news and sport see www.yourmedway.co.uk.

Opening Times
Mon - Sun 10am - 4.30pm
(last admission 3pm)

Chatham Maritime
Leisure Resort, ME4 4LL
(Sat. nav - use Leviathan Way)

Dickens World, our exciting indoor visitor complex based around the life, books and times of Charles Dickens. We take you on a fascinating journey to Dickens' World as you step back into authentically themed Dickensian England.

Annual Passes now available from just £10

DICKENS WORLD EVENTS



Fidelio Opera

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Friday 14th October

Adult Only Ticket £25.00
with a 3-course supper £39.50

Time for Tea

A new 'Good Old Days' live show

Afternoon cream tea, scones, lashings of laughs and songs of yesteryear to sing along to.

Show only is included in the Dickens World standard admission price.

*£5 extra for cream tea, scones & cucumber sandwiches
Next Show Wednesday 26th October at 2pm



BRITANNIA THEATRE EVENTS

Jongleurs Comedy Night

Friday 4th November

Doors open at 7.20pm • Comedians start 8.30pm
DJ til late, food available • Tickets from £10.80

Selling
Out Fast,
Book Now!

Roy Walker

Saturday 26th November
Tickets only £14.75

From the 1970s TV show, The Comedians
and long time host of ITV's Catchphrase.
One of the UK's Top Comics.

In conjunction with the Vintage Corporation



Christmas Events

Christmas Launch

Arrival of Father Christmas
Saturday 12th November, Free event

Christmas Jongleurs Special
Fri 2nd Dec. Best comedians in the land!
Tickets from £18.90 - Will sell out,
Book Now!

Christmas Parties

Dates throughout December,
from £39.50

Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs

Dates throughout December,
Adult £12.50 & Child £9.50



Abduction (12A)
Crazy, Stupid, Love (12A)
Drive (18)
Friends with Benefits (15)
Jurassic Park(re) Digital
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 2D (12A)

Killer Elite (15)
Mr Poppers Penguins (PG)
Shark Night 3D (15)
The Debt (15)
The Inbetweeners (15) Digital
The Smurf's 2D (U)
The Smurf's 3D (U)

Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy (15)
Warrior (12A)
What's Your Number (15)
ODEON KIDS
Dairy of a Wimpy Kid 2 (U)
SENIOR SCREEN
X-Men: First Class (12A)
NEWBIES
Abduction (12A)
THE OTHER CINEMA
The Tree of Life (12A)

For times and films, please call the film line on 0871 22 44 007 or visit www.odeon.co.uk

For all Dickens World information and online bookings, go to www.dickensworld.co.uk or call 01634 890421



EATING OUT

Across the county



Another chapter in long history of the White Horse

THE White Horse Inn has a wealth of history. The original pub in Boughton, near Faversham, was on a pilgrims' route to Canterbury and is mentioned in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.

The present building was used as a magistrates court and prison cells in the 19th century, and some of the Battle of Bossenden Wood rioters were tried and sentenced there.

Today it has a very different clientele and offers hotel rooms, food and refreshments in relaxed and informal surroundings.

The restaurant has 60 covers and is airy with a wealth of original beams; it has a roaring fire ready for those cooler evenings.

The current owners have landscaped the gardens, which feature a huge weeping willow that was planted from an older tree that came down in the storms of 1989.

Food on offer is homemade and uses local produce whenever possible.

The menu features classic dishes such as steamed steak-and-onion suet pudding or slow-roast shoulder of pork, and there are vegetarian and children's options, too.

Guests can stay in one of the 13 beautifully-appointed en-suite rooms. The pub also hosts music and clairvoyant nights.

■ White Horse Inn

The Street, Boughton, near Faversham ME13 9AL. Telephone: 01227 751343. www.whitehorsecanterbury.co.uk

CHEF RECOMMENDS

MAMA FEELGOODS: Telephone 01227 830830

STARTER: Smoked trout mousse with seed toast and salad garnish

MAIN: Sirloin steak with ciabatta with red-onion marmalade and rocket garnish

DESSERT: Homemade carrot cake with marscarpone frosting

ELVEY FARM: Telephone 01233 840442

STARTER: Coarse hunter's pâté with red-onion chutney served with a Kentish huffkin

MAIN: Pork and caramelised apple pie, served with mashed potatoes and a red-wine sauce

DESSERT: Blackberry and vanilla crème brûlée

SURIN RESTAURANT: Telephone 01843 592001

STARTER: Thai dumplings served with dark homemade sauce and finely-chopped fried-garlic garnish

MAIN: Local steamed sea bass with your choice of soya sauce or spicy alternative lime sauce. For curry-lovers, panang curry is recommended. Both these dishes are best served with Thai jasmine rice as a side dish.

DESSERT: Banana cheesecake, served with cream and a drizzle of golden syrup

THE WHITE HORSE: Telephone 01227 751343

STARTER: Fresh potted crab and cucumber relish, served with toasted granary bloomer

MAIN: Grilled fillet of sea bass, served over crushed new potatoes, with brown shrimps, baby spinach and parsley butter and fresh vegetables

DESSERT: Dark chocolate and Amaretto truffle torte, vanilla ice-cream



SHOPPING WITH MAMA:

Fine foods, coffee and a delicatessen can all be found at Mama Feelgoods village store in Bekesbourne, near Canterbury

Varied delights and the feelgood factor on offer at village store

THERE is a wealth of fine foods available at Mama Feelgoods near Canterbury.

At this fine food, delicatessen and coffee store in the village of Bekesbourne, Kentish produce from artisan makers sits alongside shopping-basket staples, making shopping for dinner a real treat.

Mama Feelgoods has been open for five years and is a real chance for food-lovers to get a bit of retail therapy.

It stocks everything you need for supper, from local free-range meat, fruit and vegetables and fantastic Kentish wines to freshly-baked bread, pastas, Mediterranean goods and great-tasting olives.

There is a large cheese counter where the friendly staff are always happy to advise and give samples of the many cheeses on offer.

For a treat, there is an old-fashioned sweetshop in store where you buy loose sweets in pink-and-

white candy-stripe bags; there are liquorice comforts, rhubarb-and-custards and sweet peanuts, among many others.

There is also a cake-craft store that stocks everything you need for cake-making, whether you are making a wedding cake or just a batch of cupcakes. You can buy iced decorations and sprinkles, fancy cupcake wrappers and cases, books and equipment, alongside a funky range of kitchenware and gifts.

The café menu reflects the use of fresh local produce and many menu ingredients served are available to buy in the fine-food store.

Mama Feelgoods is open seven days a week with free parking, Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday and bank holidays 10am-4pm.

■ **Mama Feelgoods**
Chalkpit Farm, Bekesbourne, Canterbury CT4 5EU
Telephone: 01227 830830
www.mamafeelgoods.co.uk

Flavours from the Far East to east Kent

THE Surin Restaurant in Ramsgate creates authentic Thai dishes using Kent produce, with other exotic specialties including traditional Laotian and Cambodian food.

After a nice walk along the beautiful Kentish coastline you can pop in and try the lunch menu, which is available from noon to 2.30pm.

Prices range from £6 to £9, with a special monthly menu available from £13.90. There are also delicious set menus available for groups of two or more people from £25 per person.

Main courses cost from £6.95 to £12.95. Vegetarian diners are also catered for, and a special menu is available, with starters and main dishes costing from £4.25 to £10.95.

All the food is expertly prepared by top trained staff who lovingly re-create authentic and exotic dishes with the flavours of the East.

The location of the restaurant is perfect,



standing just two minutes from the town centre and very close to the town's stunning royal harbour, boasting one of the most attractive seaviews in the county.

The eatery has been recommended by a range of experts and critics, including The Good Food Guide, The Observer newspaper, Time Out magazine, The Independent newspaper and The Guardian. It has also been awarded the accolade of runner-up Best Restaurant In Kent by the Kent Tourism Alliance.

During the coming winter months the restaurant has changed its opening hours.

From September through to March the Surin Restaurant will be open Monday to Saturday at lunchtime from 12.30pm-2.30pm and again for dinner from 6pm to 11pm.

Note that the restaurant is closed on Sunday and Monday lunchtimes.

■ **Surin Restaurant,**
30 Harbour Street, Ramsgate CT11 8HA
Telephone: 01843 592001
www.surinrestaurant.co.uk

FOOD & DRINK

Festive feasts: Six of the Best



Red Lion Hernhill

Why here...

Located in the picturesque village of Hernhill, there is a warm, festive atmosphere, with quality home-cooked food. Join in for mulled wine and a varied selection of beers and real ales.

On the menu...

Three-course traditional Christmas menu at £24.95 per person – book 10 or more during December and the organiser eats for free! Please visit the website for the full menu.

How to book...

Crockham Lane, Hernhill, Faversham ME13 9JR
phone: 01227 751207
website: www.theredlion.org

Make sure you get it right for a great occasion

THREE varieties of meat, sprouts, carrots, cranberry sauce, pigs in blankets, crackers and Christmas ale... all are key components needed to make the perfect festive feast.

But getting away from the Kent-made fruity Christmas pudding, or the locally-sourced vegetables, or even the Kentish ale, one of the most important factors that is sometimes forgotten about is the venue.

Party season is here and with less than three months until that rotund, red-suit-wearing, jolly fella slides down our chimney, or enters through the patio doors in some cases, the perfect venue to hold a Christmas feast just has to be found.

Whether it be a family gathering, a work do, or even just a romantic meal with a loved

one, you simply must make the right choice.

Tables and dates get booked up fast in Kent, so it is wise to start getting an idea of numbers and thinking of the festive feast you want to create.

The county's eateries offer a range of experiences, from simplistic, smooth and stylish in our city gastro pubs to the old beams, open fireplace and cosy atmosphere of our inns by the village green.

There is a whole range of restaurants offering festive-meal packages, some with live entertainment that will take the celebrations long into the night.

From places serving five-course lunches offering turkey, cranberries, roasted vegetables and all the trimmings, to the coastal eatery's catch of the day, Kent has something to suit surely anyone's taste. Here are six of the best.



Waterfront Dover Marina

Why here...

The Waterfront Restaurant, with beautiful sea views and a warm welcome, is the perfect place to celebrate Christmas. Lunch, dinner and party nights are held throughout the festive season.

On the menu...

The restaurant offers Christmas menus using the best of local ingredients. The international chefs provide a mix of classical festive dishes with a stylish modern touch.

How to book...

Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa, Waterloo Crescent, Dover CT17 9BP; phone: 01304 203633; email: reservations@dovermarinahotel.co.uk



The Olive Tree Ramada Dover

Why here...

With both the Grand Marquee and Olive Tree restaurant available for Christmas parties, there is no better way to celebrate the festive period with family and friends. Festive Fayre lunches include a superb three-course meal with all the Christmas trimmings, while party nights offer all this, plus a disco until midnight. Bookings are also being taken for Christmas Day lunch and

the fabulous New Year's Eve celebrations.

On the menu...

Christmas Fayre lunches and party nights offer a three-course meal, with mains served from the buffet, while the ever-popular Christmas Day lunch is a four-course meal with a choice of six main-course options available from the buffet.

How to book...

Ramada Hotel Dover, Singledge Lane, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3EL; phone: 01304 821230; email: events@ramadadover.co.uk

See Ho Shorne

Why here...

The See Ho bar and restaurant is in a beautiful rural location and very popular with walkers. It is close to Shorne Country Park and ideal for freshly-prepared lunches and dinners.

On the menu...

Fresh fish is prepared daily and ingredients are sourced locally. Homemade pies, curries and Italian dishes are highly popular. Suffice to say, an excellent Christmas menu is being prepared.

How to book...

Pear Tree Lane, Shorne, Gravesend DA12 3JX
phone: 01474 822386
web: www.theseeho.com



Spicemaster Sturry

Why here...

The Spicemaster in Sturry is one of the Canterbury area's largest restaurants offering regular live-entertainment nights.

The expert chefs offer authentic Bangladeshi and Indian cuisine of excellence. With a friendly service and an extensive menu on offer, you are sure to be in for a treat with family, friends or work colleagues during the festive period.

Seating is limited, so be sure to book up early this year.

On the menu...

The Christmas party nights are on Saturday, December 3, with Absolute Abba; Saturday, December 10, with Rory Jackson (Michael Jackson tribute act), and Saturday, December 17, with the Scott Elvis tribute act. These party nights include a three-course meal and entertainment.

How to book...

Island Road, Sturry, Canterbury CT2 0EZ
phone: 01227 711774
web: spicemasterrestaurant.com



Comfort Inn Ramsgate

Why here...

The Comfort Inn at Ramsgate offers a menu of traditional home-cooked food, as well as a great atmosphere and friendly staff. Why not continue into the evening and stay the night?

On the menu...

There are a number of set menu options for this year's festive period:

- pre-Christmas lunch £14.95
- pre-Christmas dinner £19.95
- Christmas Day lunch £44.95
- New Year's Eve dinner £45

How to book...

Comfort Inn Ramsgate
phone: 01843 592345
email: reservations@comfortinnramsgate.co.uk

ARCHANT

KENT
BRIDE
MAGAZINE

www.weddinglink.co.uk www.weddingsite.co.uk

2012 | £4.50

Days of their Lives

Inspiring real-life wedding stories from happy couples

WIN THOUSANDS towards the cost of your wedding

PLUS galleries of stunning gowns and dresses

Glorious VENUES

Discover the fantastic array of places to stage the big event

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

KENT'S NEWEST AND BIGGEST WEDDINGS MAGAZINE

The **NEW** Kent BRIDE magazine is **ON SALE NOW**

200
PAGES PACKED
WITH WEDDING IDEAS

INSIDE: Real Life Weddings, Venues, Bridal Stores, Photographers, Florists, Wedding Cars, Groom Dress Hire, Wedding Cakes and so much more.

WIN!

- ❖ £1,000 off your wedding
- ❖ £250 Wedding outfit voucher
- ❖ 2 bridal bouquets up to the value of £130 each
- ❖ Anniversary weekend worth £320
- ❖ Bridal hair package worth £430
- ❖ £350 towards your wedding cake
- ❖ £200 towards a tiara or piece of jewellery
- ❖ Wedding Security up to the value of £1000
- ❖ £150 Wedding Lingerie

Kent BRIDE is on sale now at all good retail outlets or call 01303 817072 to order for home delivery.

You can also order your copy online by visiting:
www.buyamag.co.uk/kentbride



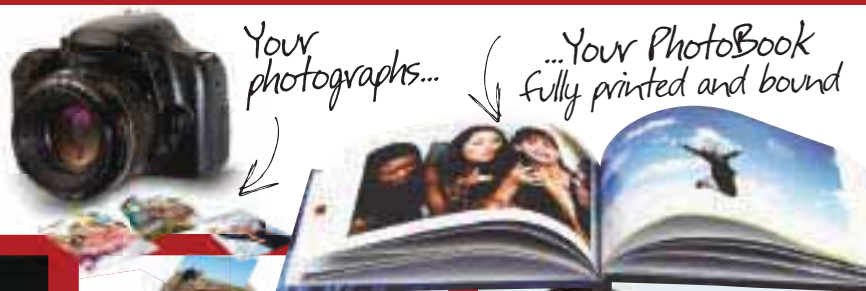
More great wedding ideas at: www.weddingsite.co.uk

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

Take your photos and turn them into a beautiful PhotoBook

Making your photo book is so simple. From taking that picture on your camera or phone, uploading it onto your computer, to creating and ordering **yourPhotoBooks** on line it really couldn't be easier.

With **yourPhotoBooks.co.uk** you can ensure that those precious moments are never forgotten.



Your baby photos...



Your school photos...



Your wedding photos...



Your holiday photos...

£5 OFF Your PhotoBook order

code **ARCH5**

Offer ends 30th November 2011. Offer applies to all PhotoBooks over the retail value of £24.99. Conditions apply.

PhotoBooks starting from as little as £6.99

Visit our website to find out how to use and make your own PhotoBook

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA
yourPhotoBooks.co.uk
CAPTURE A MOMENT

YourPhotoBooks.co.uk in association with ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

STAGE & ARTS

To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk

Gospel choir New singers are sought

**Barton Evangelical Church,
Canterbury**
Thursday nights at 7.30pm
www.rogc.co.uk

A SINGING troupe in Canterbury has set up a community-based gospel choir and is looking for new members. The Reach Out Gospel Choir practises at Barton Evangelical Church on Thursday nights and is offering free taster sessions. No matter what level of singer, everyone is welcome and there will be no auditions. The group meets once a week to sing soulful arrangements including traditional spiritual songs as well as R&B, funk and pop. The choir will also be practising for large events at which they will be appearing. Excerpts from its latest concert are available on its website at www.rogc.co.uk.



Black-history celebrations Cultural focus

Locations across Medway
Throughout October
01634 306000
www.medway.gov.uk

EVENTS are taking place across Medway in October to celebrate Black History Month. The annual festival, which is held nationally, celebrates the diverse cultures and traditions that have made the UK the multicultural society it is. In Medway, celebrations will include live music, theatrical story-telling, circus tricks and specialist food events. To start things off, there will be a launch event at the Pilkington Building, Medway Campus, University of Kent, on Tuesday, October 14, when members of the county's youth parliament will host a celebration of art, dance, poetry and fashion. There will also be music and dance at Fort Pitt Grammar School and the Medway Hindu Community Centre. Also throughout the month there will be a celebration of African art at The Brook Theatre in Chatham. Elsewhere, on Saturday, October 22, there are Tales From The Caribbean And Africa at Rochester Library.

Soap stars top the panto bill Extra shows

Hazlitt Arts Centre, Maidstone
December 3 to January 15
01622 758611
www.maidstonepanto.co.uk

THE line-up for this year's Maidstone pantomime has been revealed, with Holby City and reality TV star Jeremy Edwards taking the lead role in Aladdin. The Hazlitt Theatre will see

the same creative team that produced last year's record-breaking panto Beauty And The Beast brought back together to create another theatrical spectacular. Producer Gary Telfer said: "We're really looking forward to producing Aladdin this year, which has to be the most magical pantomime of all. "It's got a great cast of TV stars and an amazing live band. We know how popular the Hazlitt pantomime was last year – in fact, most of the shows sold out, so we've added an extra week this time and can't wait to be in Maidstone for Christmas."

There will be a massive 85 action-packed performances, including Sapphire Elia, who plays Mia Macey in Emmerdale, and Gary Damer, who plays Lenny from CBBC's Hotel Trubble. Director Rob Forknall said: "It's going to be great fun for all the family. Ever since Disney sprinkled their magic touch on the story, it's become a firm favourite with young and old alike. "We know how popular the pantomime has become over the last few years in Maidstone and we can't wait to get started with this production". Tickets are on sale now.



King Lear Shakespeare at the Wells

**Trinity Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells**
Tue to Sun, October 18-23
www.trinitytheatre.net

THIS year the Trinity Theatre has been sponsored by the Royal Shakespeare Company's Open Stages scheme, which supports amateur production teams performing Shakespeare. The first play that will be undertaken is King Lear, which sees an ageing father give away all his property to his children, who then find housing him a problem and squabble among themselves. With madness setting in, the king loses his grip on reality and is forced to examine the consequences of power, pride and love. A Trinity spokesman said: "We feel we can do great



justice to this production, with professional director Fran Gilpin of Glydebourne and opera by definition, together with some of our finest actors, including Michael Elliott, a very experienced actor who has performed with the National Theatre, in the lead." The cast also includes Matt Penfold and Sam Cook (What The Butler Saw), Kris Robertson (Accidental Death Of An Anarchist) and Alison Fielding (Ruth Rendell Mysteries and Casualty).



Folk makes it into the light Kate Rusby

**Assembly Hall Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells**
Thursday, October 27
assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk

ONE of the defining voices of contemporary English folk music, Kate Rusby, is heading to Tunbridge Wells in October. With exquisite interpretations of traditional songs, as well as her own tunes, Rusby has won an audience that reaches beyond the genre, a rare achievement for a folk artist. In November 2010, she released her new album, Make The Light, her first record of solely her own music. This release has been well received by critics and fans

alike and features Rusby's all-new band, who have been drawn from the cream of Britain's folk instrumentalists. Accompanied by these players, Rusby will tour in 2011 performing songs from Make The Light, together with much-loved favourites chosen from across her entire back catalogue. Rusby's singing and her new band's support ensure that audiences will be treated to a remarkable concert experience. The combination of original songs and working with new musicians has been a refreshing and rewarding experience for the artist. She said: "Much has happened since the last album was released – and mainly good things! "So Make The Light reflects that – mainly songs of hope and positivity."

Let us give your static caravan a helping hand to a new location

**MOVE TO A
FIVE-STAR
PARK FOR
FREE**



Tired of your existing park? Want something new and exciting? Then New Romney Caravan Park is just for you. Experience a park set in the glorious Kent countryside, with a host of activities for the young and old to enjoy, where everyday is a new experience.

NEW PLACE • NEW START • NEW ROMNEY CARAVAN PARK

New Romney Caravan Park,
Clark Road, Greatston,
New Romney TN28 8PB
01797362247
www.newromneycaravanpark.co.uk



New Romney
CARAVAN PARK

*Terms and Conditions Apply



To advertise in this section

Call 01303 817150

www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } **KOS MEDIA**

newspapers • magazines • online • events • mobile and iPad



Read APP about it

Read Kent's weekend newspapers anytime, anywhere on your iPhone and iPad



Visit the Apple AppStore, search 'Kent News' to download your free App

www.kentnews.co.uk **ARCHANT** } **KOS MEDIA**

THE SPENCER WING PRIVATE HOSPITAL VARICOSE VEINS? THREAD VEINS?



The Spencer Wing
Private Hospital

**You Care,
We Care,
Health Care**

**The Spencer
Private Hospital
Ramsgate Road
Margate CT9 4BG**

For further information
or to book an
appointment with our
Consultant Surgeon
call **Kerry** on 01843 234247
Or email: varicoseveins@thespencerwing.com



Get ready for next Summer!

The latest laser treatments are now available at
The Spencer Private Hospital, Margate

- Non-surgical endovenous laser treatment of varicose veins
- No unsightly scars
- Can be performed under local or general anaesthesia
- Minimal or no time needed away from work
- Competitive fixed price packages available

Wedding Fayre

FOLKESTONE

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2011 FROM 4PM UNTIL 9PM

PHOTO BY WWW.DAVIDFENWICK.CO.UK

Complimentary fairtrade tea, organic coffee and canapés
Martello Bar open for other snacks and refreshments

BURLINGTON

3-5 EARLS AVENUE • CT20 2HR • 01303 255301 • WWW.THEBURLINGTONHOTEL.COM

CASTLEWOOD HOTELS

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Herbal teas are great for autumn

AS the warm summer days fade away and become just a memory, so energy levels can drop off and what were once pleasures when it comes to looking and feeling healthy become chores.

But making sure you are at your best does not have to go down with the sun – with a little attention you can spring into the season with the vibrancy of the orange and red leaves currently falling from the trees.

Because of the cold and sometimes dry nature of autumn, the key to good

health is to keep lubricated and warm.

Usually we tend to bathe and then use moisturisers, but a tip for the colder period is to reverse that order.

When you oil the body before showering, the hot water further opens the pores of your skin and drives the oil deeper into the tissues.

If you use a light natural soap, you will find that your body remains very lightly oiled after showering – not enough to stain clothes or feel strange, but enough to give further lubrication and protection throughout the day.

In autumn, nuts are naturally in season and other seasonally-appropriate foods include pumpkins – which are always popular, thanks to their Halloween connections.

Warm herbal teas with ginger, cinnamon, cloves or cardamom are all good autumn balancing beverages.

Walking through autumn leaves, yoga and meditation are the perfect seasonal activities – a good brisk walk is one of the best ways to invigorate yourself and enjoy some of the beautiful scenery for which this time of year is justly famous.



Lose weight | Stop Smoking | Gain Confidence
Any other emotional issues

HYPNOTHERAPY REALLY HELPS!

NEED HELP WITH YOU CONFIDENCE FOR AUDITIONS, INTERVIEW OR FEARS?

BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE WITH BELMONT HYPNOTHERAPY

WE CAN ALSO HELP YOU REACH YOUR GOALS WITH HYPNOSIS

Belmont Hypnotherapy Centre 01843 587929
www.belmont-centre.co.uk

**Lose weight this
winter with
Slimming
World**

**Slimming
Success**

Jennifer, 37 from Kent, a health & social care teacher and NVQ assessor has made massive improvements to her health and appearance by losing 8st 1½lb with Slimming World - all from changing her food and exercise habits.

Looking to lose weight?

Why not join me and come to our NEW Group

**Slimming World Group at the Mercure Hythe Imperial Hotel
& Spa Thursday 13th October at 7:30pm.**
Jennifer - 07773 248150

0844 897 8000
www.slimmingworld.com



**Ask about our
one birthday event**

Elemis Beauty Treatments
Aveda Hair Treatments
Shellac 14 day Manicure
CACI Anti Ageing Facials
CACI Body Lifting & Toning
The Brand New CACI Ultimate
FakeBake Spray Tanning
Hot Stone Massage
Microdermabrasion
Sterex Electrolysis
Hollywood & Brazilian Waxing Specialist

**With so much to choose from the
only question is: what treat do you
spend your £10 voucher on?**

**£10
off
any hair
or beauty
service
over £30**

Pure Indulgence

Pure Indulgence, 48 Guildhall Street, Folkestone CT20 1BB
01303 858111

**All our brides
are beautiful**
01634 222128

Mobile wedding hair and make-up

www.bridalhairandbeauty.com **Kent's mobile hair and make-up specialists**

PROVIDENCE DENTAL
Dr Michael Richter
BSc, BCD

**Please visit our Macmillan
Coffee Day on 20th October**

37 Manor Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2SE
Call for an appointment

01303 252083
www.providencedental.co.uk

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

**NEW REVOLUTIONARY
SKIN TIGHTENING
TREATMENT WITH
INSTANT RESULTS**
TREATMENT WORTH* £150

FREE
WITH THIS VOUCHER

0845 01 9982 **www.aestheticface.co.uk**

*Terms and Conditions apply

BEFORE **AFTER**

HOLIDAY HOME FOR SALE
 2006 Delta Santana in perfect condition for sale at four star Seaview Holiday Park, near Whitstable, Kent.
RELUCTANT SALE **£17,995** inc. 2011 & 2012 fees
CALL MARK ON 07771 621756

BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY
 Advertise here Call 01303 817150 www.kentnews.co.uk

CARAVAN FOR SALE. Sited on a lovely park in Rye, East Sussex. Ideal place to get away to relax in peace and quiet. £7,495. Call Chris for more info 07527 072543.

STATIC CARAVAN FOR SALE
 Sited on Beauport Park near Hastings with 200 acres of beautiful woodland. Facilities include a new swimming pool and Beauport Country Club.
£4,995 inc. free 2011 pitch fees.
 Call Raf for more details **07740 247491**

LUXURY HOLIDAY HOME FOR SALE 35ft x 12ft, 2 bedrooms in excellent condition sited on Winchelsea Sands Holiday Park, Winchelsea Beach, TN36 4NB. Extended season, heated pool, close to the beach, licensed club, restaurant, dog friendly. £14,500 ovno. Pitch fees paid. Call Dean/Liz on 01797 229079.

Chas Cole for CMP Entertainment presents
Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings
Back in the UK 2011
 BILL WYMAN - ALBERT LEE
 BEVERLY SKEETE - GRAMAM BROAD
 SCARANT WATKINS - GEORGE FANE
 TERRY TAYLOR - NICK PAVY - FRANK MEAD
 plus special guest MARY WILSON
 TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
MARGATE WINTER GARDENS
 01843 296 111
 0844 844 0444 - 0844 888 9991 - 0844 873 7359
 www.cmplive.com

Head for the sound of the waves lapping against the white cliffs of Dover, follow the delicious aroma of local produce cooking in a busy kitchen, search out the glint of freshly-poured ale. When the English Channel is about to wet your toes, you'll be there

St Margaret's Bay,
 Nr Dover
01304 853176
 www.thecoastguard.co.uk



Art & Contemporary Designer Craft Fair
Purchase direct from the very best craftsmakers and artists in the UK

SEVENOAKS
21-23 October
 Signposted from A225 • Free Parking
 12 noon to 5pm Friday • 10am to 5pm Sat - Sun
 Admission £3.50 • Under 14's free
www.craftinfofocus.com

To advertise in this section
01303 817150

Christmas Party bookings now being taken
 Our party nights will be on **Friday 2nd, Friday 16th and Friday 23rd December**
£28.50 per person
 includes sit-down meal and disco until late!

Walpole Bay Hotel
 Tel: 01843 221703 | Fifth Avenue, Cliftonville, Margate CT9 2JJ | www.walpolebayhotel.co.uk

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE



Call 01303 817150
 www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

LEEDS CASTLE
 KENT, ENGLAND

Leeds Castle Fireworks Spectacular 5 & 6 November

Witness one of the finest firework displays in the country this year set to out of this world music inspired by 'Space'.

Come for the evening performance or arrive early to catch the afternoon entertainment, including zorbing and an open air children's film screening.

Adults £18.00; Children (4-15yrs) £10.00; Under 4's free
Group rate (15 or more): Adults £15.00; Children £9.00
 Opens 2pm; firework display starts at 5.30pm. The castle itself will be closed.

Book online at leeds-castle.com or call 01622 880008

All tickets must be pre-booked, booking fee applies. Tickets for under 4's must be reserved at time of booking.

"The Loveliest Castle in the World"

MyVouchers24

GREAT DISCOUNTS
 ON HUNDREDS OF YOUR FAVOURITE BRANDS!

HOUSE OF FRASER, YDL, LOVEFILM, John Lewis, hmv, Thomson, THE BODY SHOP, itoi, Virgin, Express, Biscuits, Biscuits

*examples of shops we source voucher codes, discounts and coupons

MyVouchers24 is the place for online discount codes and printable vouchers that you can take with you and use in-store. So for great offers on everything from restaurants and shops to bars and events, make sure you visit MyVouchers24 today.

www.myvouchers24.co.uk

BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY



Advertise here

Call 01303 817150

www.kentnews.co.uk

READER OFFER Holidays

Call 01895 83 33 33

for bookings and information

Holidays offered by **GN Holidays**, Higher Denham, Uxbridge UB9 5EL • Open: 9am to 5.30pm weekdays; 9.30am to 12.30pm Saturdays • Email: info@gnholidays.com • www.gnholidays.com

The Riviera of Flowers Monaco & Portofino

by rail from London, Ebbsfleet & Ashford

Quote DP-KOS

8 & 9 days

From £849pp

Departs: 16 April (8 days), 16 May, 17 & 24 Sept, 2012 (9 days)

This super holiday taking in the French & Italian Rivas, starts with a glass of Bubbly at St Pancras (or join at Ebbsfleet/Ashford) before boarding the Eurostar to Lille or Paris. After an overnight stay, we continue by TGV train to Nice and Diano Marina. On the Riviera enjoy Free Drinks every night and visits to Monaco & Eze, Portofino & Dolceacqua.

INCLUDED:

- Champagne check-in
- Return rail travel to Nice
- 1 night hotel B&B in Lille or Paris
- 6 or 7 nights half board in Diano Marina with free house



wine/beers/spirits 18.00 to 23.00hrs every night
• Included excursions
• All transfers abroad

Tuscany Coast & Country Florence & Portovenere

by rail from London, Ebbsfleet & Ashford

9 & 10 days

Quote KT-KOS

From £999pp

Departs: 13 April (10 days)

14 May & 17 Sept, 2012 (9 days)

On our journey of discovery to Italy, experience the French TGV train outbound and overnight train with private cabin and Eurostar home - Florence to London with just 1 train change.

INCLUDED:

- Escorted throughout
- Champagne Check-in at St Pancras
- Rail travel to Nice - afternoon departure
- 1 night hotel B&B in Paris or Lille outbound



- 6 or 7 nights in Marina di Pietrasanta, Italy - half board plus Free bar 6pm to 10pm nightly
- Visits to Lucca, Pisa, Florence, Portovenere, San Gimignano (& Elba on 10-day April departure only)
- Sleeper train and Eurostar home to London
- All transfers abroad



Warner Drinks Inclusive Christmas Party

For over 40s only

Norton Grange Resort, Isle of Wight - Self drive

3 nights, semi-all-inclusive

Quote NX11-KOS

Was £209

Now £199pp

November 25 to 28, 2011

Come and join our exclusive, annual Christmas party - for over 40s only - at Warner Norton Grange resort on Yarmouth

seaford, Isle of Wight. With a friendly, cosy atmosphere this popular Warner resort serves up a host of festive season treats and free drinks at a great value-for-money price.

INCLUDED:

- Free return Car Ferry - worth £40
- Free drinks from 3.30pm to 11pm Friday, 12 noon to 11pm Saturday & Sunday - house beers & spirits, wine by the glass, pumped soft drinks & mixers
- Bed, breakfast & 3 course evening meals
- Mulled wine & mince pie on arrival
- 'Christmas' dinner & visit from Santa
- Cabaret entertainment & disco every night
- En-suite chalet - upgrades available
- Leisure facilities: Indoor pool & sauna



4-star New Year at Honiley Court Hotel, Warwick

Self drive, 2 nights half board

Quote HN12-KOS

£145pp

Arrive 30 Dec or 31 Dec, 2011

The charming Brook Honiley Court Hotel is situated in a peaceful location in the rural village of Honiley, in Warwickshire.

Dating back to the 16th century, the hotel was originally a farmhouse which became a pub which is now incorporated into

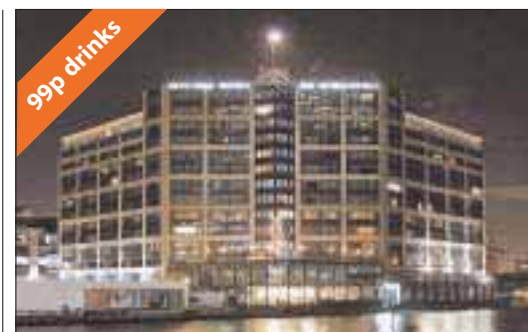
the hotel, conserving features of the original building and maintaining the original character.

The Boot Restaurant provides a modern dining experience in these traditional surroundings and is popular with locals and guests alike.

All bedrooms are spacious and comfortable and have an en suite bathroom, tea/coffee making facilities, trouser press, flatscreen television, radio, hairdryer, iron & ironing board.

INCLUDED:

- En-suite accommodation
- Afternoon tea on arrival (30 Dec only)
- 2 breakfasts & 2 dinners - including a New Year's Eve dinner-dance & disco & New Year's Day brunch



Carry on New Year at the 4-star London International Hotel

2 nights half board

Quote LC1-KOS

£119pp

January 2 to 4, 2012

Extend the New Year celebration at the 4-star Britannia London International Hotel, situated on the water's edge of the London Docklands with superb views of the London skyline.

You will enjoy dinner and breakfast

each day, a 99p bar and entertainment both evenings.

The Canary Wharf Health Club & Gym is a great way to keep in shape or relax. This fully equipped Leisure Club offers features a swimming pool, sauna and state of the art gym (£2.50 per day payable at the hotel).

All bedrooms have an en suite bathroom with bath and shower, TV, hairdryer and direct-dial phone.

The hotel is located outside the congestion charge zone.

INCLUDED:

- En-suite accommodation
- 99p bar from 7pm to 11pm both evenings for house beers & spirits, wine by the glass, pumped soft drinks & mixers
- 2 dinners & 2 breakfasts
- Entertainment

HOMES

The great British weather has always been good at keeping us on our toes – after a wet and dreary summer, October brought a mini heatwave and now we're predicted snow, but whatever the skies throw at us next a trip to Heat Design is sure to help you keep prepared and – most importantly – warm this winter



WITH another cold winter on the horizon and rising gas prices, there has never been a better time to consider your heating options.

With friendly, passionate and independent advice, Heat Design in Canterbury has everything you need to get your family ready for the winter.

Last year saw an unprecedented winter, with trains grinding to a halt and cars being abandoned in the road. The conditions were so severe that they apparently slowed down the whole UK economy, preventing economic growth forecasts from being accurate.

The Exacta independent weather group predicted that we could be seeing the same sort of conditions this year, with moderate snowfall beginning as early as this month. Heat Design is here to get you ready.

Heat Design has a huge range of wood stoves and gas fires, firewood and range cookers. Its on-site heating engineer is a member of the Rangemaster Guild and on hand to discuss improving the heating of your home.

Regardless of the size of the project, Heat Design can help out... from adding a wood stove to your hot-water system, to installing a municipal wood-chip boiler to heat a block of houses. Heat Design's leading-edge provision of solar thermal technology offers an innovative and environmentally-friendly option for heating hot water.

As a way of heating your home, the humble wood stove has come on a long way. Modern models are highly efficient, safe and beautifully designed. Clean-air technology allows many wood stoves to be used in a smoke-control area while reducing their environmental impact through advanced engineering to a minimum.

The efficiency of the burn means lower fuel costs and more heating for your money. From futuristic modern design to the traditional wood stove, Heat Design stocks hundreds of models from leading brands, catering to every taste: Chesney's, Hunter, Euroheat, Barbas, Dovre, Yeoman, Stovax, Rais and Woodwarm.

At the Heat Design showroom in Roper Close, Canterbury, you can see the wood stoves at work. Larger models can also heat hot water.

Heat Design also stocks a range of the very latest gas fuel-efficient fires from Gazco and Bellfires. If gas is your preference, these are a great way to keep costs down.

Range cookers can also provide heating. Though often used for cooking, range cookers from Rayburn and Esse allow you to plug them directly into a hot-water system.

There are plenty of other inventive heating ideas. Solar thermal, for example, allows the positioning of discreet panels to harvest the natural energy of the sun, converting it into hot running water.

Biomass boilers utilise renewable fuels to heat your home and provide running hot water; the flexibility of this concept allows it to be used in homes or businesses large or small.

However you decide to keep warm this winter, Heat Design is here to help.

Find Heat Design at Roper Close, off Roper Road, Canterbury CT2 7EP; phone 01227 457643 or visit heatdesignkent.co.uk. Opening times: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm.

Heating and cooking

To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk



■ Cooking with a Rayburn is a joy.

Next Saturday, October 15, Rayburn and AGA chef Mandy Gooden will at Heat Design demonstrating just how much you can get out of cooking on a Rayburn.

She'll be handing out food straight from the oven and putting the range cooker through its paces.

A heating engineer will also be on hand to show you how to incorporate a Rayburn into your home.

Heat Design is also offering up to 50 per cent off selected cookware and 15 per cent off other cookware items not already discounted. This includes branded ranges from AGA and Rangemaster.



■ Christmas is just around the corner.

From mulled wine to mince pies to full Christmas dinner, on Tuesday, November 15, 'Lady AGA' Mandy Gooden will be showing how to make your AGA into a factory of delicious festive cheer.

There'll be plenty of free hot food samples to eat and your chance to put your questions to a professional who knows the AGA inside and out.

Heat Design will also be offering 15 per cent off all cookware and cook books – perfect for that stocking-filler for the keen chef.

■ **This event is expected to reach capacity, so book early to avoid disappointment by calling 01227 457643, or go online to <http://bit.ly/agaxmas>**



■ When the snow falls, there's nothing better than being snug and warm in your own home. Whether you want a new fire to warm you, or a cooker to help you prepare winter's warming dishes, Heat Design has something to suit every taste



HOMES

To read this and other property stories visit our property blog @ **homes24.co.uk** ...or smartphone users can scan this QR code



Conversion gives iconic hotel a new lease of life

THE seascape views that inspired JMW Turner to declare "these are the loveliest skies in all Europe", combined with the release of rental apartments in one of Margate's grandest seafront buildings, is giving a new generation the chance to sample the town's cultural revival.

Standing just above the £17 million Turner Contemporary gallery, The Arcadian building enjoys the same elevated panoramas of Margate's famous seascape.

"You can see why Turner was so captivated by this coastline and why it inspired him to paint his masterpieces," said Geoffrey Berger, who is developing The Arcadian. "The light constantly changes and the views stretch for miles."

The Arcadian, until recently a notorious eyesore, is a conversion comprising 14 one- and two-bedroom apartments. Built in the late 1800s, it was originally Lilley's Hotel Arcadian, a 19th-century bolt-hole for well-to-do Victorians leaving smog-ridden London for Thanet's fresh sea air.



Its character and history is preserved by the development's careful replica of The Arcadian's wrought-iron balcony and hotel signage.

Inside, the apartments are spacious, with Victorian high ceilings and panoramic windows. The internal finish includes hand-fitted kitchens and solid-wood worktops, while some apartments have private balconies and all are Sky+ ready.

The seafront and Margate's golden main sands are a short stroll down Fort Hill and the historic Old Town is to the left. In summer, this Continental-style piazza hosts a growing calendar of

events, including a jazz festival in July.

Furnished or unfurnished, one-bedroom apartments start at £450 pcm, with two-bedroom apartments from £550 pcm.

Since 2010, high-speed train services from London St Pancras make the city-to-coast commute 90 minutes and, together with the opening of the Turner Contemporary, are rejuvenating the town.

Boutiques, private galleries and cafés opening in the Old Town quarter have boosted tourism, while plans to reopen Dreamland as the UK's first heritage theme park in 2013 will see the town gain a second major attraction.

A quicker way to move into your dream home

HOME-HUNTERS who want to move but are struggling to sell their home can take advantage of Taylor Wimpey's 48 Hours Weekend at Leybourne Chase.

This weekend, October 8-9, house-hunters are being offered the chance to sell their old property and secure a new home in just 48 hours at the builder's flagship development near West Malling.

Visitors will be met by a team of experts who can help them part-exchange their property in just two days, subject to terms and conditions.

The scheme is designed to help make moving to a new home easier and stress-free, and will be available on a selection of homes at Leybourne Chase.

Fiona Creed, of Taylor Wimpey, said: "Our 48 Hours Weekend is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

for house-hunters to buy a new home and sell their old one just two days after agreeing a part-exchange price – so they could find themselves owning their dream home much sooner than they might otherwise have expected.

"Customers who fear it will take forever to sell their home can book an appointment to attend our 48 Hours Weekend at Leybourne Chase and find out how quickly they could move to their dream home."

Part-exchange customers receive an agreed price for their existing property, based on the average of independent valuations.

The scheme is available with selected family-sized properties at Leybourne Chase, where three-bedroom homes are priced from £249,995 and four-bedroom detached homes are available from £399,995.

CANTERBURY CT1



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION.

THE WILLOWS, ST.LAWRENCE CRICKET GROUND, OLD DOVER ROAD, CANTERBURY CT1 3NZ

An exclusive development of 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes in the grounds of Kent County Cricket Club, close to the city centre.

1 & 2 bedroom apartments from **£180,000**. 3 bedroom houses from **£299,999**. 4 bedroom houses from **£370,000**.



Call **01227 762 002** or go to **www.bellway.co.uk**

Visit: Sales & marketing suite open daily Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm. Saturday - Sunday 11am - 5pm. Late night every Thursday until 7pm.



CHAPEL PLACE LIMITED

Land Agents

Chapel Place Limited are a specialist land consultancy with many years' experience in the sale and acquisition of land and development opportunities in the South East. With the aid of our architects and planning advisors we have assisted many clients in obtaining planning permissions even in the most complex situations. Through our network of associated offices, we have one of the largest databases of developers and self builders looking for a variety of sites over several counties. We would be pleased to ascertain the potential of your land and advise you of the most appropriate method of sale and look forward to hearing from you if we can be of assistance!

Typical Development Opportunities Required:

Land with or without planning
Back gardens with potential
Barns, oasts and other rural buildings
Commercial buildings
Farms and agricultural land
Office blocks
Pubs | Hotels
Nursing homes
Properties requiring refurbishment/conversion
Amenity land | Garages



Headcorn, Kent Guide Price £235,000

Building plot with planning for the erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling (approx. 2,000 sq ft) with all matters reserved



Rye, East Sussex Guide Price £150,000

Detached 2 bedroom Victorian house with garden in need of total refurbishment



West Malling, Kent Guide Price £400,000

Single building plot with planning consent for a 2,700 sq ft house set in grounds approaching 0.5 acres



Broadstairs, Kent Guide Price £POA

Property with sea views comprising ground floor flat for refurbishment, with planning to separate 1st and 2nd floors and planning to extend to the side



Walmer, Kent Guide Price £100,000

Single plot available subject to planning – available with existing property with guide price of £450,000



Tonbridge, Kent Guide Price £425,000

Site with planning for a pair of 3 bed semi detached houses and a detached 3 bed house backing onto the river Medway



Allhallows, Kent Offers Invited

Site available subject to the renewal of planning for 5 detached houses backing onto countryside



Lamberhurst Quarter, Kent Guide Price £200,000

A fine detached 6 bay period barn with planning consent for conversion to a 3,000 sq ft residential dwelling



Branchley, Kent Guide Price £595,000

Single plot for a detached house of approx. 3,500 sq ft set in 1 acre with stunning views over open countryside



Wilmington, Kent Guide Price £500,000

Single plot of approx. 0.25 acre with planning for a detached 5 bedroom house of 3,000 sq ft plus loft style room



Sandhurst, Kent Guide Price £600,000

Site with planning permission for two detached 5 bedroom houses of approx. 2,400 sq ft each – available separately at £300,000 for each plot



Brookland, Kent Offers Invited

Site with planning permission for 2 x 4 and 2 x 3 bedroom detached houses

01892 619289 info@chapelplacelimited.com www.chapelplacelimited.com

Activity for all the family at Kings Hill

With cricket on the green and walks in the nature park, Kings Hill is now an established community like a traditional English village. Its many different homes are supported by a balanced mix of facilities - sports clubs, shops, doctors and schools. Its 323 hectares (800 acres) are landscaped and a network of thoughtfully designed footpaths, cycle ways and 'green walks' links the homes with all the facilities so encouraging walking and cycling.

Kings Hill includes 150 acres of former farmland which already includes Warren Woods nature park with woodland walks and trails, and is planned also to include sports pitches and an area of allotments for residents. Also at Kings Hill there is a David



ADVERTISING FEATURE

Lloyd Leisure racquets, health and fitness club, together with a new cricket ground and pavilion. These facilities join Kings Hill's long-established 18-hole golf course, which was designed to PGA championship standard and offers an enjoyable challenge to all golfers. Set in over 200 acres of undulating terrain, it features large areas of protected heath and ancient woodland.

Coming home to Kings Hill is a comfortable experience with its sensitive landscaping, well-managed community and expanding amenities. Survey results show that 40% of Kings Hill residents have moved to the village because it offers greater space and a pleasant, clean environment. They also find it to be safe, friendly and family-oriented with easy access to its schools, restaurants and shops. Just a short walk or cycle ride reaches the heart of Kings Hill. Focused around pedestrian friendly squares and streets, Liberty Square is Kings Hill's retail and social amenity area providing shopping, eating out and medical facilities.

Development plans will see Waitrose open a large 9,000 sq ft convenience store in time for Christmas 2011 and a total of 20,000 sq ft of new retail space, together with the restoration of the control tower and new landscaping providing plenty of open space for relaxation.

Sculpture is a major feature of Kings Hill, with many artworks now installed as public art around the village. Innovative pieces delight both the village centre and nestle happily in the backwaters of some of the housing areas. The sculpture works as part of the living environment and encourages residents to develop a pride in their surroundings and their village. Indeed, at Kings Hill such attention to the soft and social infrastructure of life has resulted in international surveyors, CB Richard Ellis, naming it as the number one example, for a large new



community, of 'placemaking' in the country.

Residents wishing to live at Kings Hill can choose between quality traditional and highly contemporary homes being built by leading house builders Environ Communities, Hillreed Homes and Taylor Wimpey. Local architectural styles allow the features of Kentish village houses to provide a sense of place, while modern specifications provide the latest lifestyle innovations. Importantly, a variety of homes are available for purchase at Kings Hill, allowing the community to become genuinely mixed in age profile. Prices start at £192,950 for apartments and range through two, three, four and five bedroom houses up to £892,000 for larger family homes.

More information about Kings Hill is available from the web site www.kings-hill.com.

The site includes travel information and the car share scheme, as well as details of Kings Hill's retail facilities.



CREATE YOUR PERFECT WORLD IN KENT

KINGS HILL

Junction 4 M20, Kent

HILLREED

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

01732 847500

ANTLER HOMES

01732 844111

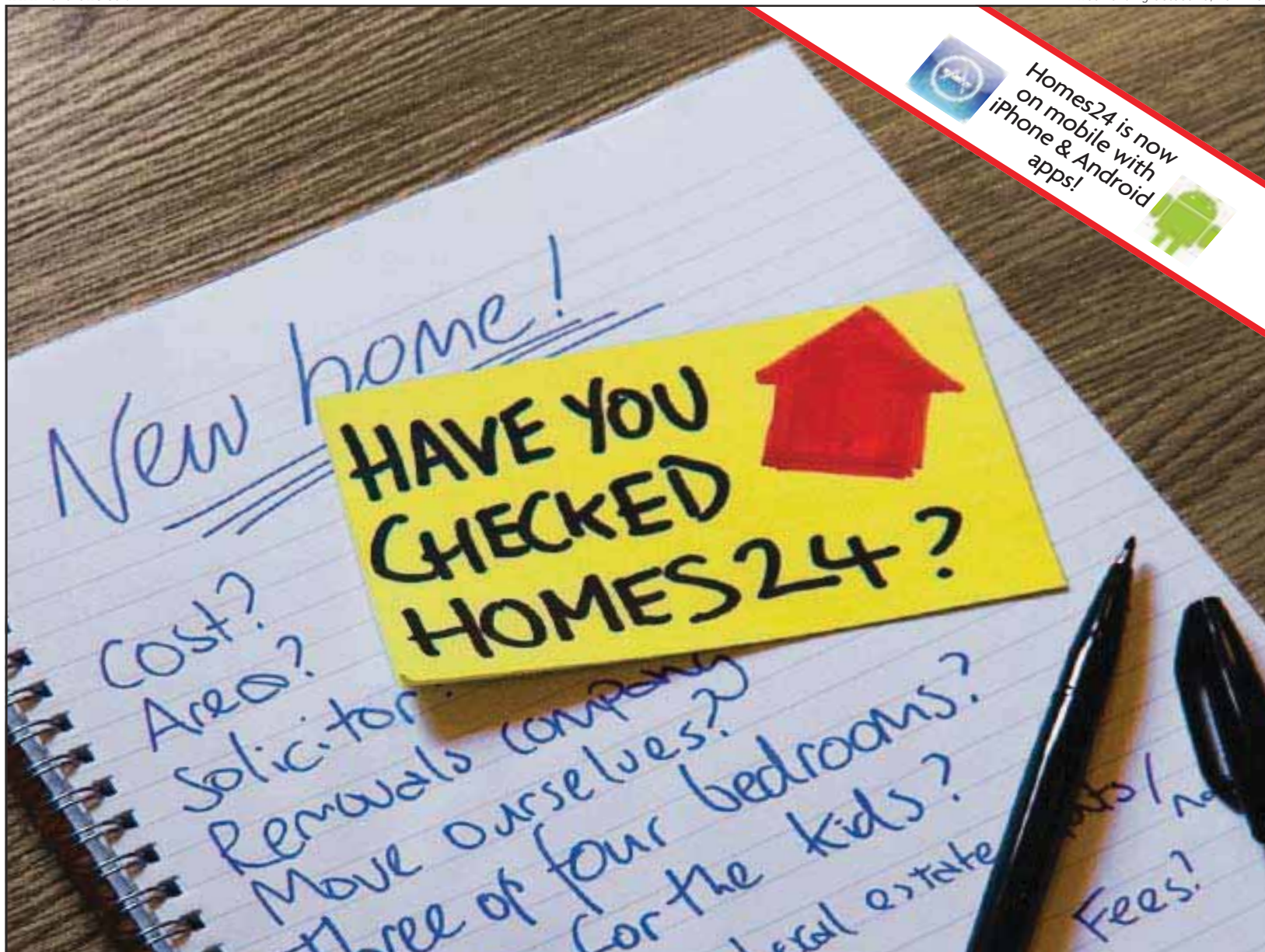
oakshamlet

01732 848316

Taylor Wimpey

0845 688 5499

LIBERTY
PROPERTY TRUST UK



Homes24 is now on mobile with iPhone & Android apps!

If you're buying or renting, make sure you visit homes24 today. With more properties, exclusive tools and features, homes24 will help you find your next local home.

MAKE SURE YOU'VE CHECKED

homes²⁴.co.uk
your local property portal

IN PRINT ONLINE ON MOBILE



Kent at your service

To Advertise

Email us at classified@kosmedia.co.uk

Telephone us on 01303 817150



Fax us on 01303 817001

AERIALS & SATELLITE

YOUR LOCAL AERIAL MAN

- TV Aerial installations
- Freesat Satellite installations
- DAB & Stereo FM radio aerials installed
- Satellite & TV aerial maintenance
- Extra points for TVs and Satellite systems

07860 645643

*All work guaranteed
with a personal service*

*Estimates and good
advice given freely*

ESTABLISHED 1972

DECORATING

M & A DECORATING and GUTTERING SERVICES

- All interior and exterior decorating undertaken
- Gutter renew or repair from plastic cast iron or aluminium, concrete gutters relined or repaired
- Gutters cleaned out
- Also gutters, fascias and soffits and conservatory roofs washed down
- All small building work
- Plastering repairs
- General plastering and rendering

** Free estimates and advice*

01843 853154

07970 356136

madecoratingguttering.co.uk

E-mail: info@madecoratingguttering.co.uk

GARDENING/ LANDSCAPING

GARDEN SERVICES

ALL GARDEN WORK UNDERTAKEN
Established 10 years

Grass and hedge cutting,
turfing, trees topped and felled.
Garden clearance.

Fully insured. No job too small.

Special rates for Senior Citizens.

For a Free Estimate Call Dave or Colin

01303 243733 or 07734 505526

Environment Agency registered

GARDENING/ LANDSCAPING

HOMECARE LANDSCAPES

SPECIALIST IN
Drives, Patios, Paths
Decking, Fencing, Turfing
Hedge cutting, Pruning
All Garden services
Call now for a FREE quote

01634 682776 07977 807467
www.homecarelandscapes.co.uk

10% DISCOUNT
with this advert

GENERAL BUILDING

TAYLORS REFURBISHMENT SERVICES LIMITED

Major house alterations, bathrooms &
kitchens. Complete house renovations.

Loft & garage conversions.

Painting & decorating specialist.

30 years experience.

Fully insured, references available

01303 244425

07950 265651, 07950 265652

GENERAL SERVICES

Create **MAXIMUM** storage whilst using **LESS** space!



- Free Design & Quotation
- Made to measure sliding wardrobe system
- Choice of solidwood, aluminium or laminated frames

- Fitted interiors to customer requirements
- Matching bedroom furniture available
- Safety backed mirror or wooden panel doors

07725 952521
www.aa-gliderobes.co.uk

**A&A
GLIDEROBES**

COMPUTER SERVICES



Professional Computer Support
Services for your Home or Business

- ✓ Network Installation
- ✓ Microsoft Sbs 2003 to 2011 Specialists
- ✓ Computer Supply and Repairs
- ✓ Upgrades
- ✓ Virus & Spyware removal
- ✓ Corporate Antivirus Software providers
- ✓ Data Recovery
- ✓ Managed Support Services
- ✓ Cisco Installation and Support
- ✓ Backup Solutions

For a full list please visit www.premone.co.uk

If you are looking to buy IT Products
online, please visit our online store
www.premone.net, over 50,000 products online

Call: 01233 63 33 33

[email sales@premone.co.uk](mailto:sales@premone.co.uk)

DRIVING SCHOOLS

PASS YOUR TEST!

LEARN TO DRIVE WITH A CLASS DRIVING SCHOOL

A-C L Class Driving School

are trying to help keep the
cost of learning to drive down.

By giving you lots of great offers such as:

First 3 lessons for £45.

First 5 lessons for £75.

Visit www.a-class.co.uk

To view all of our amazing offers helping you save money.

ALL AREAS COVERED
in the South East & Kent
We also offer:
• Theory Training
• Pass Preparation Courses

Let us call for all your driving needs.
Don't hesitate. Call us now
0800 043 5000
or TEXT LESSONS into your phone
80010
for more information and a call back.

GARDENING/ LANDSCAPING

NE FENCING, LANDSCAPE & TREE WORK

- PATIOS • PATHS • PONDS
- ALSO HEDGE LAYING

CALL NICK

07779 723001

01227 791992



GENERAL BUILDING

A K Building Services

ALL ASPECTS
COVERED BY
FULLY QUALIFIED
TRADESMAN.
ALL WORK
GUARANTEED.

CALL FOR A FREE

QUOTATION

01303 770795

07787 952231



GENERAL SERVICES

AFFORDABLE WOOD BURNING STOVES

from £334 delivered

Specialising in
Country Kiln
Wood Burning and
Multi Fuel Stoves

T. 01560 483 966

www.woodburningstoveslimited.com

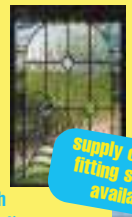


GLAZING

Renaissance Glass Ltd

GLASS FOR ALL USES

- Pictures
- Windows
- Doors
- Balustrading
- Mirrors
- Roofs
- Floors
- Kitchen Splash
Backs (coloured)
- Table Tops
- Double Glazed Units
- Secondary Double Glazing
- Leaded Lights traditional
and modern overlay to your design
- Window Filming



*supply only and
fitting service
available*

TRADE AND RETAIL

Tel: (01843) 227242 Fax: (01843) 291386

Email: cliftonglass@talktalk.net

www.renaissanceglass.co.uk

39-41 Sweyn Road, Cliftonville, Margate CT9 2DD

ELECTRICAL

SOUTHGATE ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Rewires, alterations, aerials, alarms.
FREE quotations. 'Fully qualified'

For enquiries call

01227 712790

07889 895394



GARDENING/ LANDSCAPING

AMEND GARDEN SERVICES

- Paddocks, Meadows & Greens Mowed
- Regular Grass & Hedge Cutting
- Garden Clearance • Lawn Treatments
- Weed Control • All gardening work covered

GREAT DEALS FOR BLOCK PAVING & PATIO CLEANING

Covering Herne Bay, Whitstable,
Canterbury, Thanet & the surrounding areas

For a free and friendly quote, call Mike on

07767 082522 01227 362365

GENERAL BUILDING

GENERAL MAINTENANCE & BUILDING SERVICES

SPECIALISING IN
BATHROOMS • KITCHENS • PLUMBING
& GENERAL BUILDING WORK

EST. 10 YEARS

CONTACT JOHN FOR YOUR FREE ESTIMATE

MOB: 07855 829328





Kent at your service

To Advertise

Email us at classified@kosmedia.co.uk

Telephone us on 01303 817150



Fax us on 01303 817001

OFFICE FURNITURE

Your office is
our business

Albion Office Interiors Limited



- Specialist decorator
- Partitioning systems
- Bespoke Joinery
- Flooring and wall coverings
- Mechanical and electrical services
- Health and safety upgrades
- Fire risk protection
- Systems office furniture & seating

www.albionoffice.co.uk
Tel: 01227 281281 Fax: 01227 282456
sales@albionoffice.co.uk

Albion House, Joseph Wilson Ind Estate,
Whitstable, Kent CT5 3PS

PEST CONTROL

Wasp nest treatment special offer £39.95
same day service

2 Hour Response
0845 2390280
07515 368081

KCC Ltd
Pest Control

sales@pestcontrolkent.org.uk
www.pestcontrolkent.org.uk

PLASTERING

C JERROM PLASTERING

Coving, Rendering,
Screeding, Pebble Dashing,
Reliable service,
Free estimates!

01227 742659
07729 766337

PLASTERING



Plastering
Coving
Mouldings
Internal/External
Rendering

Floor Screeding
For a free quote
contact Dean

07849 739564
01303 256607
01227 290056
01233 380058

dsplasteringkent.co.uk

PLUMBING AND HEATING SERVICES

TJ Plumbing & Heating Services



- Service and installation
- Replacement and repair
- Gas fires, combi boilers, water heaters & cookers
- Fully insured and reliable service

Boiler Service £50
Landlords Certificate £60
Boiler Breakdown Cover £7.99

01795 475391 • 07912 940875

SECURITY AND ALARMS

SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICE



YOU DROP WE SHRED
OR
WE SHRED YOU WATCH
OR
YOU SHRED WE WATCH

Prevent fraud and securely destroy ...

- utility bills
- bank statements
- cheque book stubs
- credit card statements
- old credit cards
- back-up cds



Castles
SECURITY
SHREDDING

Simply call

0845 071 2351

for further details

www.castlesremovals.co.uk

RUBBISH CLEARANCE

TRANSIT VAN & MAN

House and rubbish clearance.

Garden, sheds, etc.
Light removals.

Fully insured.

For a Free Estimate
Call Dave or Colin.

01303 243733 or 07734 505526
Environment Agency registered.

Established 10 Years

SHEDS

SALE - £40 OFF 6X8 & 8X6 SHEDS

SKINNER'S SHEDS LTD
Head Office: 161 Bexhill Road, St Leonards 01424 716716 Est1979
www.skinner-sheds.co.uk

SHEDS - LOG CABINS

<p>Canterbury SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Canterbury Road, Herne Common, Kent CT6 7LT 01227 - 370985</p>	<p>Wye Valley SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Montefiore Avenue, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 8BW 01843 - 592954</p>
<p>Wye Valley SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Main Road, Sundridge Sevenoaks, Kent 01959 - 569259</p>	<p>Wye Valley SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood Kent TN12 6QJ 01892 - 838186</p>
<p>Wye Valley SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Ham Street Village, Nr Brenzett, Nr Ashford 01233 - 731044</p>	<p>Wye Valley SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Garden Centre Canterbury Rd, Ashford Kent TN24 9JZ 01233 - 628841</p>
<p>Wye Valley SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Station Road, Southfleet, Gravesend, Kent DA13 9PA 01474 - 537719</p>	<p>Wye Valley SANDY CENTRE</p> <p>Appledore Road, Reading Street, Nr Tenterden TN30 7HT 01233 - 758047</p>

**FREE 100% PRESSURE TREATMENT
FREE DELIVERY - FREE ERECTION**



Professional help for all your needs

To advertise your services and take advantage of our
special offers call **01303 817150**

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

WINTER DRIVING

Be safe on the roads this winter

JUST a few minutes spent making sure your car is in good condition can save a world of annoyance by preventing an easily-avoidable breakdown as well as making sure the MOT test is just a formality.

Before a long journey or one in the dark, you need to make sure that both of your headlights are fully functioning. To do this, just turn the ignition enough to be able to work the headlights, put the lights on and walk round to the front of your car. If one of your bulbs has blown, you'll need to get a new one.

If your oil light comes on, you could be in big trouble – you need to pull over safely and sort it out as quickly as you can, as without enough oil your car could be a serious hazard to you and other road-users.

Before long journeys, it is a good idea to check that the oil level in your engine is adequate to travel. To do this, locate the dipstick under the bonnet of your car, take it out and wipe it clean, look for the minimum and maximum indicators on the dipstick and then dip it back in the oil.

Windscreen-washers do need to be topped up

regularly, especially if you do any driving on country roads as silt and dirt will quickly build up on your windscreen.

You should always check your tyre pressure before a long journey; do this by putting the pressure of your weight on the top of each tyre with your foot – if the tyre has a lot of give and you are able to squish it down, then you'll need more air in your tyres. You can remedy this at most petrol stations.

Lastly, always ensure you have enough petrol in the tank to cover all eventualities.



C & N AUTOS

SERVICING BRAKES EXHAUSTS

Entrance Opposite Folkestone Council Refuse Site, Unit 3, 13 Ross Way, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3JJ

T: 01303 488151 • M: 07787 419297

Newly opened

Very Competitive Rates

M.O.T Repair

work carried out

FIXED

SERVICING

from £49.99!

FREE PICK UP
AND DROP OFF
WITH ANY
MOTOR SERVICE

on production of this voucher.

NEED A TYRE?

WE'RE ALWAYS UP TO THE MARK

WINTER TYRES NOW IN STOCK

VAST RANGE OF SIZES & MAKES AVAILABLE
OUR PRICES ARE ALL INCLUSIVE - INCLUDING
VALVE, FITTING, WHEEL BALANCE & VAT
WE'VE GOT THE TYRE FOR YOU - CALL US NOW

TREADMARK
TYRES

Unit 2, Broadoak Trading Estate,
Broadoak Road, CT2 7SP

01227 455 548

CANTERBURY

Unit 2, Broadoak Trading Estate,
Broadoak Road, CT2 7SP

01227 455 548

HIO Sava EXHAUSTS & BREAKS FITTED

TYRE SOLUTIONS

UNBEATABLE PRICES ON ALL OUR NEW AND PART WORN TYRES

- **TYRES..from £10 (free fitting and balancing on all tyres)**
- **PUNCTURE REPAIRS..from £5**
- **FOUR WHEEL ALIGNMENT..just £25**
- **Free TYRE HEALTH CHECKS**

Some of our other services..

- MOT's • BATTERIES
- EXHAUSTS • BRAKES
- USED CAR SALES
- NEW TYRES AND SHOCKS

01227 375888

Unit 9a - Westbrook Industrial Park -
227 Sea Street - Herne Bay - CT6 8JZ

01795 522622

Now also open at: Norton Cross Garage (Texaco)
- London Road - Teynham - ME9 9JY

www.tyre-solutions.co.uk

Focus World

Ford Focus Specialist

We also repair & service all other makes and models

MOTs - SERVICING - DIAGNOSTICS
ENGINE REBUILDS - CLUTCHES - BRAKES - WELDING - ETC...

FREE Winter Service Checks

Selection of used cars - Friendly & helpful staff

FREE pick up and delivery within 6 mile radius

FOCUS WORLD - UNIT 2a - WEALDEN FOREST PARK
HERNE COMMON - HERNE BAY - CT6 7LQ
01227 711773 or 07857 285026

Bob Fisher's Garage

The Garage, A20, Sellindge, Nr Ashford, Kent TN25 6AQ

Sellindge 01303 814131

You may be surprised what a small country garage can offer today's motorist.

- MOTs • Mechanical Repairs • Computer Diagnostics • Batteries
- Servicing • Body Repairs • Tyres • Exhausts

Also a good selection of quality small used cars.

To view our cars www.bobfcars.co.uk

Cars always wanted for cash

Email: bobfcars@aol.com

01303 814131

Riviera Car Sales

Our Showroom 66 - 68 Sandgate High Street Sandgate,
Folkestone Kent CT20 3AR Tel: 01303 244244 Mobile: 07810782073

- Tyres • Wheel balancing • Servicing • Brakes • MOT work • Batteries
- Exhausts • Shock absorbers • Number plates while you wait
- Valeting • All aspects of body work repair

DISCOUNTS ON ALL TYRES,
NEW AND PART WORN.
COMPETITIVE RATES.

COMFORTABLE
WAITING
AREA

COLLECTION & DELIVERY SERVICE AVAILABLE WITHIN LOCAL AREA - CALL FOR DETAILS!

Website: www.rivieracarsales.co.uk



First **GEAR** **MOTERING NEWS**

- Skoda's Superb pulls in yet another award
- Hyundai sets pulses racing with all-new i40
- Ninth generation for Honda's reliable Civic



Nine years on and Golf Cabriolet is finally given a makeover

Driving carsforkent.co.uk



Cruzing along nicely

Chevrolet can now add a racy image to its darling little motor

SEE ROAD TEST



www.citroenselect.co.uk

CITROËN SELECT APPROVED USED VEHICLES

**FINANCE
AVAILABLE**

ASK US FOR MORE DETAILS



CITROËN C1

2007 (57) CITROËN C1 1.0i Rhythm £4995

3 Door Hatchback, SCARLET RED, 17000 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, Full Service History, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Immobiliser

2011 (11) CITROËN C1 1.0i VT £6495

3 Door Hatchback, SCARLET RED, *MR WILMOTH'S SPECIAL DEALS*, 10 Miles, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Immobiliser

2011 (11) CITROËN C1 1.0i VT £6495

3 Door Hatchback, LIPZEN WHITE, 20 Miles, *WILMOTH'S SPECIAL* DRIVE *AWAY TODAY*

2009 (09) CITROËN C1 1.0i VTR £6595

3 Door Hatchback, ELECTRA BLUE, 18000 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Immobiliser

2009 (09) CITROËN C1 1.0i Splash £6795

3 Door Hatchback, LIPZEN WHITE, 25000 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, Air Conditioning, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Immobiliser

2009 (59) CITROËN C1 1.4HDi VTR £7495

5 Door Hatchback, SCARLET RED, 33000 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Immobiliser



CITROËN C2

2008 (58) CITROËN C2 1.6i 16v Code £6795

3 Door Hatchback, OBSIDIAN BLACK, 33500 Miles, One Owner, Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Full Leather Interior, Alloy Wheels, Alarm, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Air Conditioning

2008 (58) CITROËN C2 1.4 HDi VTR £6995

3 Door Hatchback, OBSIDIAN BLACK, 32000 Miles, 1 Registered Keeper, 1 Owner, Central Locking, ABS, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Immobiliser



CITROËN C3

2007 (57) CITROËN C3 1.4 HDi Cool £5995

5 Door Hatchback, ARCTIC STEEL, 29500 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, 1 Owner, Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Full Service History



CITROËN C3 PICASSO

2009 (09) CITROËN C3 PICASSO 1.4 VTI 16V VTR+ £8295

5 Door MPV, CHERRY RED, 16500 Miles, 2 Registered Keepers, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Immobiliser, Alloy Wheels, Cruise Control

2009 (59) CITROËN C3 PICASSO 1.4 VTI 16V VTR+ £8795

5 Door MPV, BELLE LE BLUE, 11400 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, One Owner, Full Service History, Alloy Wheels, Immobiliser, Cruise Control, Passenger Airbag, Front Electric Windows, Remote Central Locking, Central Locking, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag

2011 (60) CITROËN C3 PICASSO CONNEXION HDI 1.6 HDi £12295

5 Door MPV, BELLE LE BLUE, 3000 Miles, Sat Nav, Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, ABS, Power Steering, Climate Control, Immobiliser, Alloy Wheels, Cruise Control

CITROËN C4

2007 (07) CITROËN C4 1.6i 16V SX Auto £6495

5 Door Hatchback, ICELANDIC GREY, 22500 Miles, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Electric Windows, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Cruise Control, Immobiliser, Alloy Wheels

2009 (09) CITROËN C4 1.6i 16V VTI SX Auto £6995

5 Door Hatchback, OBSIDIAN BLACK, 26500 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, Automatic, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Cruise Control, Alloy Wheels, Immobiliser

CITROËN C4 PICASSO

2007 (57) CITROËN C4 PICASSO 1.6HDi 16V VTR Plus £9995

[5 Seat] 5 Door MPV, IRON GREY, 26200 Miles, 2 Registered Keepers, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, ABS, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Cruise Control, Immobiliser, Alloy Wheels

2010 (10) CITROËN C4 PICASSO 1.6HDi 16V VTR Plus £14795

[5 Seat] 5 Door MPV, ARCTIC STEEL, 3000 Miles, 2 Registered Keepers, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Electric Windows, ABS, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Cruise Control, Immobiliser, Alloy Wheels

CITROËN C4 GRAND PICASSO

2010 (60) CITROËN C4 GRAND PICASSO 1.6HDi 16V VTR £15995

Plus EGS Auto 5 Door MPV, IRON GREY, 2800 Miles, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Electric Windows, ABS, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Side Airbags, Cruise Control, Immobiliser, Alloy Wheels

2011 (11) CITROËN C4 GRAND PICASSO VTR+ HDI £16795

MPV, ARCTIC STEEL, 1800 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, EX DEMO, BLUETOOTH, REAR PARKING SENSORS, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, Electric Mirrors, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Side Airbags, Immobiliser, Alloy Wheels

CITROËN XSARA PICASSO

2008 (08) CITROËN XSARA PICASSO 1.6i 16V Desire £5995

5 Door MPV, ARCTIC STEEL, 37500 Miles, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Front Electric Windows, ABS, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Immobiliser

CITROËN BERLINGO MULTISPACE

2009 (59) CITROËN BERLINGO MULTISPACE 1.6 HDi £11795

90 VTR 5 Door MPV, ARCTIC STEEL, 7500 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, 7 Seater, Full Service History, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Side Airbags, Immobiliser

CITROËN DS4

2011 (11) CITROËN DS4 DSPORT 5 Door Hatchback £21995

Ex-Demo, PERLA NERA BLACK, 4500 Miles, 0 Registered Keepers, *SAVE £7000*, Sat Nav, Central Locking, Remote Central Locking, Electric Windows, Electric Mirrors, ABS, Traction Control, Climate Control, Power Steering, Drivers Airbag, Passenger Airbag, Side Airbags, Cruise Control, Alarm, Immobiliser, Full Leather Interior, Alloy Wheels

IMAGES USED ARE FOR VISUAL REPRESENTATION ONLY

CERTIFIED QUALITY OUTSTANDING VALUE

- ONE YEAR'S WARRANTY • HISTORY AND MILEAGE GUARANTEES
- 112 POINT PREPARATION • 30 DAY EXCHANGE SCHEME
- THIS PACKAGE WORTH OVER £600!

CITROËN^{select}
APPROVED USED

WILMOTH'S ASHFORD 01233 878350

QUANTOCK DRIVE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, ASHFORD, KENT, TN24 8TU www.wilmothshashford.citroen.co.uk

MOTORING

Visit carsforkent.co.uk

Chevy hits Cruze control

By Sam Davison

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

CHEVROLET got serious in 2009 after tinkering with bits and pieces of cars produced from absorbing former Korean brand Daewoo in 2005 – it launched the new Ford Focus-size Cruze.

This was the General Motors (GM) value brand's first all-new model for the UK and European market and has gone on to become a true global model.

It was a far cry from warmed-over Daewoo Chevrolets – many derived from even older-generation GM cars. The Cruze also wore Chevy's new two-part grille with style and used a state-of-the-art platform from the then-forthcoming Vauxhall Astra replacement.

However, there must have been politicking behind the scenes because the Cruze arrived as a saloon only and Brits, in particular, do not buy many saloons in the Focus/Astra segment.

It rather suggests that Vauxhall, about to launch the latest Astra, might have been allowed to veto a Cruze hatchback at that time.

Nevertheless, the Cruze has been a big success for Chevy dealers, marrying looks and quality with first-rate safety features and the brand's typical value plus five-year warranty, and all enhanced by a racy image accrued from successful campaigning in the British Touring Car Championship.

And the car's popularity now has the chance to kick on with, finally, the addition of a hatchback version; while not as handsome as the saloon, it wins on practicality with a decent-size load space and, despite the rear-end rake, good headroom.

Needless to say, it also carries over the style, smart interior, generous standard spec – including stability control, fully-adjustable driver's seat and air-con – and keen pricing of its saloon forerunner.

CHEVROLET CRUZE 2.0VCDI LTZ: PRICE £17,795

FACT FILE



Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
How green?:	★★★★
Road tax:	£130/year
Best rival:	Skoda Octavia
Kent dealers:	
FG Barnes	
Maidstone	08433 160885
Caffyns	
Tunbridge Wells	08433 160843
Witmores	
Chislehurst	0208 3020911

BIG LITTLE MOVER:

The 2.0-litre diesel we tested is the pick of the range, while big successes in the British Touring Car Championship (picture above) has further boosted the Cruze image and sales

While it cannot compete dynamically with stars of the sector, such as the VW Golf, the Astra and the Focus, it is a viable alternative to other value contenders such as the Czech Skoda Octavia and those Korean twins, the Kia Ceed and Hyundai i30 – coincidentally, Chevrolet also builds the Cruze in Korea.

Cruze prices start at a tempting £13,805, but that's for the entry-level saloon in S trim – the hatchback starts at £13,995 in the more upmarket LS trim that brings you electric windows all round, alloys and more.

Even at these trim levels, interior quality and materials are impressive, with none of the scratch-prone finishes seen on earlier Chevrolets.

Dashboard layout is also top-notch, though my knee kept accidentally nudging the fan control, mounted low down on the centre console. There is also lots of useful stowage and – for the kids' game- and DVD-players – a 12v socket in the back, where legroom is also better than average for the class.

Getting quality right at lower level also allows high-spec variants to truly impress, such as the £17,795 160bhp 2.0-litre diesel LTZ hatch tested here.

The diesel engine costs more but is the pick of the powertrain bunch, being powerful, smooth and willing in all situations and backed ably by a tidy six-speed manual gearbox – a six-speed auto costs an extra £1,000.

As we have previously reported, though, don't rule out the petrol engines and, notably, the affordable 122bhp 1.6 petrol – if you don't cover many miles, then this is a good budget buy.

On the other hand, business users and high-mileage private buyers looking for something different will like the diesel's power with economy – it should average around 50mpg.

Out on the road, it is soon obvious that the Cruze is set up more for comfort than handling, but it does not lack for grip.

The steering could be a tad light for some drivers' tastes, though.

First GEAR

MOTORING NEWS



Generation IX for new Civic

HONDA'S order books are open for the ninth-generation 2012 Civic – priced from £16,495.

Due in January, it comes in 1.4 or 1.8 petrol or as a 2.2 diesel, with a fuel-saving stop/go system on manual versions.

A five-inch dashboard screen shows mpg, stop/go status, climate and audio settings. There is also an ECON mode to save fuel.



Now there's an i40 saloon

HAVING conceded estate or tourer models are taking over the family-car sector, Hyundai launched its first eye-catching i40 model in that format.

But the saloon model arriving in January will also have admirers, especially with the generous spec and pricing from £17,395, plus low emission, consumption and taxes.



Pulling power of the Czechs

SKODA keeps retaining awards and the latest repeat win is the 2012 Caravan Club Towcar of the Year £25,000-£32,000 sector crown for the Skoda Superb Estate Elegance 2.0-litre TDI, fitted with the smooth twin-clutch DSG gearbox.

Judges said it was "the best on hill starts by a mile", "effortless to tow with" and "confidence-inspiring".

MOTORING

Visit carsforkent.co.uk

Wind-in-the-hair Golf back after nine-year break

1st DRIVE

By Sam Davison

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

HAVING been a hugely successful maker of affordable four-seat convertibles, you wonder why VW has delayed nine years before replacing the Mark 3 Golf convertible.

Two latter-day reasons may be that the German marque already has the elegant folding hard-top Eos (from £23,130) and sister brand Audi produces the desirable A3 convertible (from £20,915).

In fact, with the newly-launched Mark 6 Golf Cabriolet, above right, costing similar money (from £20,720), the reasoning still looks shaky until you see the car and drive it – it is impressive and refined.

At the launch, VW made a beautifully-kept 1980s Mark 1 Golf soft-top available to highlight the new car's level of sophistication.

The old car and its Mark 3 replacement needed a roll-bar for safety, which marred its lines when the top was down, where as the new car has a hidden protector that pops up automatically plus copious airbag



protection should the Golf overturn.

The visual result is elegant, aided by a windscreen more sporty than the Golf hatchback, and by an automatic cover over the retracted roof.

Perhaps more impressive is how much of the standard Golf's exceptional interior refinement has carried over, despite lopping off the roof – 'roof-up' mode feels like being in a conventional hatchback.

Naturally, the hatchback's cabin has transferred, too, so everything feels well-made, durable and logical, though some buyers might expect more pizzazz – soft-top buyers are rarely shrinking violets.

Then again, maybe this Golf will

tempt those who haven't considered a soft-top before but recognise the VW delivers similar practicality to the three-door hatch.

OK, you lose the hatchback opening, but the efficient electric roof – it takes just 9.5 seconds to raise or lower – robs little boot space, unlike some folding hard-top convertibles.

Roof-down capacity is 250 litres – not bad against the hatchback's 350 litres with rear seats in place.

There is also an excellent choice of powertrains, including an eco-friendly 104bhp 1.6-litre BlueMotion diesel – the SE version (£23,245) is expected to be a UK best-seller with about a fifth of all sales.

The other top-seller is likely to be the entry power option, a turbocharged 1.2-litre petrol engine offering the same output, though I thought the lively turbocharged 158bhp 1.4-litre GT model (from £25,295) delivered the best for the Golf's excellent chassis and driver experience. Whichever version you choose, this is a highly useable as well as striking soft-top.

■ VW has also comprehensively revamped its popular Tiguan junior SUV – its fourth-best-seller after the mid-sized Golf, Polo supermini and Passat family model.

The Tiguan sits somewhere between a proper small off-roader like



the Land Rover Freelander and 'soft-roaders' like the Toyota RAV4.

For those who really don't need 4x4 but like the Tiguan's spacious cabin, good road manners and high driving position, there is an eco-friendly front-wheel drive option.

Uniquely, though, at the other extreme, the Tiguan is offered with a choice of two front ends: an 18-degree angle of approach selected by most buyers and an 'Escape' model, which has a more acute 28-degree off-roading nose.

There's also more dash about the car's looks now, particularly with a new grille in line with other VWs.

The new Tiguan starts at £21,085.

NISSAN EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Big Savings on Nissan Pixo

These offers are exclusive to Baileys Nissan and are strictly limited -
When they're gone, they're gone!

FROM ONLY **£5795**



3 YEARS
FREE
SERVICING
On Selected models

3 YEARS
FREE
RAC COVER
On Selected models



Book a test drive today

Baileys Canterbury
Westminster Road, Vauxhall Ind. Estate,
Canterbury Kent CT1 1YY
Tel: 0844 858 4108

www.baileys.nissan.co.uk



SHIFT the way you move

Fuel economy figures for the PIXO 1.0 VISIA 5 DOOR mpg (L/100km). Urban - 42.2 (6.7), Extra Urban - 62.8 (4.5), Combined - 54.3 (5.2), CO₂ emissions 103 g/km.

SIMPLY CLEVER

Adamsons of Deal & Dover

ŠKODA



0% VAT*
0% APR
representative†
 when you buy with
ŠKODA Finance



*Reduction equivalent to 20% VAT applied to original base price including factory fitted optional extras available on selected petrol stock vehicles of Fabia, Roomster and Octavia models when purchased with ŠKODA Finance. New retail stock orders only. VAT is still applicable and will appear on the invoice. 10% APR representative. Minimum 50% deposit required over 2 years. Indemnities may be required, subject to status. Over 18s in the UK only. Excludes the Channel Islands. Participating retailers only. Subject to availability for registrations and deliveries before 30th November 2011. ŠKODA Finance, Freeport ŠKODA Finance. Terms and conditions apply. Prices and specifications are accurate at time of print. Offers may be varied or withdrawn at any time and are not available in conjunction with any other offer. Model shown varies from UK specification.
 Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the Škoda range: Urban 19.2 (14.7) – 68.9 (4.1), Extra Urban 36.2 (7.8) – 94.2 (3.0), Combined 27.7 (10.2) – 83.1 (3.4). CO₂ emissions for the Škoda range 237 – 89g/km.

Car of the Week

- * **59 Volvo C70 Coupe Convertible**
 12,000 miles, Diesel, Blue Metallic, Ivory Leather, 1 owner,
 Every conceivable extra, £30,000 new. **Only £17,995**

Used Cars

- * **09 Plate. Skoda Octavia Elegance 1.4 TSi Estate**
 Anthracite Grey, Automatic, 8,000 miles. **£12,495**
- * **11 Plate. Skoda Roomster 1.6 TDi (90 BHP) SE 5dr Hatchback MPV**
 Miami blue metallic, 6,500 miles, manual, diesel **£11,995**
- * **09 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.2 Htp 12v (70BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
 Brilliant silver metallic, 19,500 miles. **£6,995**
- * **08 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.4 16v (85 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
 Satub grey metallic, 27,000 miles. **£6,995**
- * **11 Plate. Skoda 1.2 (70 BHP) SE 5Dr Hatchback**
 Silver metallic, 6,900 miles, manual. **£8,995**
- * **10 Plate. Skoda Octavia 2.0 TDi CR vRS 5-Dr**
 Black Magic Metallic Manual Diesel with multi-colour
 velour-leather interior 20,500 miles. **£15,495**
- * **05 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.2 Htp (54 BHP) Classic 5-Dr Hatchback**
 Blue storm metallic, 39,000 miles. **£3,995**

- * **08 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.2 HTP 12v (70BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
 Metallic Satin Grey, 29,000 miles*, Manual, Petrol. **£6,995**
- * **04 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.4 16v Classic 4-dr Saloon**
 Black magic metallic, 45,700 miles. **£3,295**

Demo Cars

- * **11 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.2 SE Hatchback**
£8,995 ex demo
- * **10 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.2 TSi SE 12v Hatchback**
£8,995 ex demo
- * **10 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.6 Level 2 TDi**
 Satin Grey, 7,700 miles.* **£9,995 ex demo**
- * **10 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.6 SE TDi CV 5-Dr Hatchback**
£9,995 ex demo
- * **11 Plate. Skoda Roomster 1.6 TDi**
£11,995 ex demo
- * **11 Plate. Skoda Fabia Auto 1.4 TSi VRS 5-Dr Hatchback**
£13,495 ex demo

Other Makes

- * **09 Plate. Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Zetec 3-Dr Hatchback**
 Red Manual Diesel with a Black cloth interior 34,449 miles.
£8,995
- * **09 Plate. Suzuki SX4 1.6 SZ4 4-Door Saloon Nov 2009**
 Red Metallic Manual Petrol 39,080 miles. **£6,995**
- * **03 Plate. Toyota Corolla 1.8 WTL IT Sport 5-dr**
 Silver steel metallic, 69,000 miles **£4,995**
- * **05 Plate. Street Ka 1.6 Luxury 2-dr Convertible**
 Red hot, 33,500 miles **£4,995**
- * **04 Plate. Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi 130 Ghia X 5-dr Hatchback**
 Panther Black metallic, 81,500 miles. **£4,295**
- * **04 Plate. Fiat Panda 1.2 Eleganza 5-dr Hatchback Import**
 Yellow, 73,500 miles. **£2,795**



Motability available on selected vehicles – no advance payment

*Correct at time of going to press.

Taxi plan available – from the manufacturer of happy drivers

ALL ELECTRICAL WORK CARRIED OUT FOR RETAIL OR TRADE

Servicing
from only
£99

Tyres
from only
£29

Cambelts
from only
£299

Exhausts
and
Batteries

We work on
ALL Makes
and Models



Adamsons of Deal and Dover

137a Dover Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent

A family run business serving the area since 1975

Tel: 01304 381 300

www.adamsons-skoda.co.uk

Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the Skoda range: Urban 19.2 (14.7) – 68.9 (4.1), Extra Urban 36.2 (7.8) – 94.2 (3.0), Combined 27.7 (10.2) – 83.1 (3.4). CO₂ emissions for the Skoda range 237 – 89g/km.

Fancy a new set of wheels?



1000s
of Kent cars for
sale online 24-7



Check out the prices of new and used car valuations



Search for your local car dealer



Find the latest car reviews and test drives on new cars



Get a car loan quote and calculate your repayments

Use www.CarsforKent.co.uk where you can search through 1,000s of cars for sale across the county.

Online you can view full car details, location map and seller's details, plus road tests and a finance calculator to work out monthly payments.

CarsforKent.co.uk

The smart way to find your next car

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

It pays to advertise

Call 01303 817150

www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA



Invicta Motors deliver the area's very best used car deals!

At Invicta Motors this October we'll pay up to

£1000

Finance Deposit on a huge range of used cars!

Now there's something to smile about!

Plus, drive away in one of our used cars from just **£80 per month**

At Invicta Motors we understand how the economy is making a squeeze on everyone's pocket. That's why we have come up with an offer that means you can **upgrade your current car today at little extra cost!**

We will pay up to £1000 Finance Deposit on a massive selection of quality used cars. It couldn't be easier. Call today and take a test drive in any one of our fantastic range.



DEPOSIT PAID ✓

57 Plate **Ford C-Max**
2.0 Ghia
5dr



ONLY £150.77 PER MONTH	CASH PRICE £6499	DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE PAID BY US £1000	BALANCE TO FINANCE £5499	16.3% APR REPRESENTATIVE
	48 MONTHLY PAYMENTS £150.77	INTEREST CHARGES £1076.19	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £8406.19	

DEPOSIT PAID ✓

ONLY
£165.70
PER MONTH

08 Plate **Ford Fusion**
1.4 Style Climate 5dr



CASH PRICE £6999	DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE PAID BY US £1000	BALANCE TO FINANCE £5999
48 MONTHLY PAYMENTS £165.70	INTEREST CHARGES £2108.90	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £9107.90
16.5% APR		

DEPOSIT PAID ✓

ONLY
£258.28
PER MONTH

10 Plate **Ford Focus**
1.6 TDCi Econetic 5dr



CASH PRICE £11999	DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE PAID BY US £1000	BALANCE TO FINANCE £10999
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS £258.28	INTEREST CHARGES £4647.80	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £16646.80
15.7% APR		

DEPOSIT PAID ✓

ONLY
£162.16
PER MONTH

04 Plate **Peugeot 407**
2.0 HDi SE 4dr



CASH PRICE £4999	DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE PAID BY US £1000	BALANCE TO FINANCE £3999
30 MONTHLY PAYMENTS £162.16	INTEREST CHARGES £1023.64	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £6022.64
19.5% APR		

DEPOSIT PAID ✓

ONLY
£80.29
PER MONTH

57 Plate **Chevrolet Matiz**
1.0 SE 5dr



CASH PRICE £3999	DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE PAID BY US £500	BALANCE TO FINANCE £3499
60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS £80.29	INTEREST CHARGES £1558.11	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £5557.11
16.6% APR		

Call today to see how you can be driving your next car for much, much less at Invicta Motors

Invicta Ford
For a better motoring experience

Margate Road, Westwood,
Thanet CT12 6SJ
Telephone: 0844 856 4131

GO ONLINE AND...

- ✓ Get your vehicle valued.
- ✓ Book your Service.
- ✓ View live videos of our stock
- ✓ View over 3000 vehicles in group stock

Models shown for illustration purposes only. Finance subject to status, terms and conditions apply. Purchase fees and set up fees applicable to all vehicles.

For photos and model details visit - www.invictamotors.com

Bg D. Specialist Cars
RANGE-ROAD, IND. EST., HYTHE

SAAB OUR SPECIALITY

SAAB 9-3 1.8T Vector Sport, 4 Doors, Manual, Saloon, Petrol, 2004 54 Reg, 97,807 miles, Metallic Silver, 2 Owners. Full Service History, ABS, Alloy wheels, Cruise control, Front armrest, Folding rear seats, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Rear armrest, Side airbags, Radio/CD, Rear headrest, Sports seats, Traction control, Partial leather seat trim, Reverse parking aid, Solid Paint, Space saver spare wheel, 3x3 point rear seat belts, Alarm, Body coloured bumpers, Drivers airbag, Electric door mirrors, Isofix child seat anchor points, PAS, Rear electric windows, Remote central locking, Service indicator, Steering wheel rake adjustment, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Trip computer, Insurance Group:12**£4,195**

2001 51 Reg SAAB 9-5 2.0T Arc, 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 86,869 miles, BLUE, 3 Owners, ABS, Alloy wheels, Roof rails, Radio/CD, Traction control, Full Electric, Rear wiper, Steering wheel rake adjustment, Alarm, Remote central locking, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Trip computer, Insurance Group:13E**£2,795**

2001 Y Reg SAAB 9-5 2.3 HOT AERO, 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 143,150 miles, metallic silver, ABS, Alloy wheels, Cruise control, Front armrest, Headlight washers, Folding rear seats, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Rear armrest, Roof rails, Radio/CD/Cassette, Side airbags, Rear headrests, Traction control, Audio remote control, Body coloured bumpers, Drivers airbag, Electric door mirrors, Front electric windows, Front fog lights, Front head restraints, Heated door mirrors, Height adjustable drivers seat, PAS, Rear electric windows, Remote central locking, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Trip computer, Insurance Group:17A**£1,795**

OTHER MAKES

MAZDA CX-7 2.3T, 5 Doors, Manual, Petrol, 2007 57 Reg, 28,950 miles, Metallic Silver, 1 Owner, ABS, Alloy wheels, Cruise control, Headlight washers, Folding rear seats, Lumber support, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Rear armrest, Side airbags, Radio/CD Multichanger, Rear headrests, Traction control, Solid Paint, Electrically adjustable drivers seat, Heated front seat, Space saver spare wheel, Audio remote control, 3x3 point rear seat belts, Alarm, Body coloured bumpers, Drivers airbag, Electric door mirrors, Front electric windows, Front fog lights, Front head restraints, Heated door mirrors, Isofix child seat anchor points, PAS, Rear electric windows, Remote central locking, Steering wheel rake adjustment, Trip computer, Height adjustable drivers seat, Leather seat trim, Rear wiper, Insurance Group:15**£10,195**

NISSAN Primera 2.0 16v SE, 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 2000 X Reg, 156,076 miles, Metallic BLUE, 5 Owners, ABS, Air conditioning, Alloy wheels, Central locking, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Radio/Cassette, Alarm, Body coloured bumpers, Elec door mirrors/windows, Heated door mirrors, PAS, Trip computer, Climate Control, Metallic paintwork, Remote locking, Audio remote control, Insurance Group:13E**£1,195**

Sold

NOW WITH 3-12 MONTHS BREAKDOWN WARRANTY www.banddspecialistcars.co.uk 01303 264700

With trained SAAB specialist staff we are your only choice for all your SAAB repair & MOT needs

To advertise in this section
Call 01303 817150
www.kentnews.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA



**Specialising in
Cambelt
Replacement**

- Vehicle Servicing • General Repairs • Petrol or Diesel
- Taxi Drivers Welcome

All repair work guaranteed • Drop & Shop Service

Free Local Collection & Delivery

01227 860859

info@jdcambelts.co.uk
www.jdcambelts.co.uk

WHAT'S YOUR DRIVE?

Smart 5-door city car, sporty 3-door supermini, spacious 5-door family hatchback or 4-door executive saloon. Whatever you're looking for, you'll find it in our exciting range of great value models that combine generous levels of standard specification and incredibly low prices.



YOUR PROTON. YOUR WAY.

All from an unbeatable £6,995*

Savvy **ecologic** **GEN-2** **Satria Neo**

**Now with 3 Years
FREE servicing***

EXPRESS GARAGE (HERNE BAY) LTD | 01227 364 077 | WWW.EXPRESSGARAGE.CO.UK

Official fuel consumption figures mpg (l/100km) and CO2 emissions (g/km): Lowest: Savvy Style MT; urban 36.7 (7.7), extra urban 61.4 (4.6), combined 49.6 (5.7); CO2 134; Highest: GEN-2 1.6 GSX AT; urban 26.16 (10.8), extra urban 47.09 (6.0), combined 38.22 (7.8); CO2 184

*Price shown is for Savvy Style 1.2 MT; manufacturer's list price £7,995 excluding metallic paint which is an option at £365. On the road price includes VAT, delivery, number plates, 12 months' road fund licence and first registration fee. *Warranty is subject to maintenance in accordance with manufacturer's schedules, 3 year or 60,000 miles. Terms and conditions apply. *FREE servicing on Proton vehicles registered from 22nd September 2011 until 31st October 2011 and available for the first owner only.

Fancy a new set of wheels? 1000s of Kent cars for sale online 24-7



Check out the prices of new and used car valuations



Search for your local car dealer



Find the latest car reviews and test drives on new cars



Get a car loan quote and calculate your repayments

Use www.CarsforKent.co.uk where you can search through 1,000s of cars for sale across the county.

Online you can view full car details, location map and seller's details, plus road tests and a finance calculator to work out monthly payments.

CarsforKent.co.uk

The smart way to find your next car

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

Vehicles Commercial

Bounce-back for van sales in the UK

By Sam Davison

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

COMMERCIAL vehicle sales have bounced back this year and are running at almost a quarter up on 2010.

That's not just good news for the industry – it may signal underlying confidence at last in the economy since vans and trucks oil the wheels of the country's business and industrial output.

Paul Everitt, chief executive at motor-industry mouthpiece the SMMT, said: "August saw the strong and sustained bounce-back continue across much of the van and truck industry as operators returned to more typical replacement schedules."

But he added a note of caution: "Industry is optimistic, but short- to medium-term economic uncertainty is likely to temper the rate of future growth."

His reluctance is understandable as domestic and international business

confidence remains in low gear.

And, as Mr Everitt hints, some demand has been driven by operators, large and small, recognising that they can only push so far beyond their normal replacement schedule before upgrading their vehicles.

Many have delayed in the hope of an economic upturn, only to find that ageing vans start to look tatty – with public image consequences – and incur more unprofitable downtime for maintenance.

On the other hand, many operators are upgrading for a new reason: van powertrain technology is beginning to echo that of the car sector, so there are real commercial and even public-relations benefits from running a leaner and meaner fleet with better fuel consumption and lower emissions.

For Kent firms operating into London, there is also an opportunity to save on the capital's congestion charge by buying vans with CO2 emissions below 100g/km.



MOVING UP: The Renault range is a dominant force across the sector, launching a London congestion charge deal on new vans, worth up to £6,000 per vehicle

There are small diesels capable of this, but some makers get around this by offering dual-fuel petrol/LPG models, too.

Users of smaller vehicles also order

petrol vehicles and pay for an aftermarket conversion.

However, panel-van-operators cannot hope to escape the charge, so some makers have got together with

Transport for London, which levies the charge – due to increase to £100 per day for most vans on January 3 next year – and offered a subsidy worth thousands of pounds per vehicle to any operator upgrading against a new lower-emission van.

Smaller operators are also playing a part in the recovering market because they are being forced to buy new due to a scarcity of decent used stock, caused by the big boys hanging on to their fleets for longer and running up galactic mileages.

Indeed, a new report from auction giant BCA reckons the van market faces a 'black hole' in supply in the years ahead due to new-van registrations tumbling when the recession hit in 2007.

The report assumes that national demand for used vans will be in the region of 300,000 annually as the economy improves, leaving a yawning shortfall of some 275,000 first-time used vans entering the market between late 2011 and 2015.

Feeling the pinch?

With nearly 650 miles per tank†, you won't with the new Mercedes-Benz Vito.

A new Mercedes-Benz Vito* now for £65.00 per week††.
Can you really afford not to have one?
To find out more, please call our sales team on 01795 432 960

†† Plus deposit, fees and optional final payment.



Mercedes-Benz

Sparshatts of Kent Ltd

Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicles

Sittingbourne - Dartford - Ashford - Tunbridge Wells 01795 432960 www.sparshatts.co.uk

† Figures calculated based on Government EUDC Driving Cycle of 39.2mpg for Vito 113 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY van. * Vehicle shown for illustrative purposes only. Finance for BUSINESS USERS ONLY: Example based on a Vito 113 CDI Compact BlueEFFICIENCY manual transmission including first registration fee, RFL, plying, delivery and finished in white paint at a price of £18,750.30 + VAT on a Mercedes-Benz Finance Agility contract with a deposit of £7,188.13 that includes total VAT of £3,697.06 and a deposit contribution of £1,500 followed by 36 monthly payments of £281.67 and an optional final payment of £7,200.00. Finance based on 12,000 miles per annum. VAT is charged at the prevailing rate. Weekly equivalent £65 per week. Credit provided subject to status. Offer is subject to terms and conditions. Weekly figures for illustration purposes only, monthly terms apply. Vehicles must be registered between 01/07/2011 and 31/12/2011. Vehicles must be supplied by a franchised Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicles Dealer. Offer subject to availability. Finance provided by Mercedes-Benz Financial Services UK Ltd, MK7 8ND.

2011 model Hilux Invincible from £249 a month* for Business Customers - very limited stock!



The Toyota Hilux Invincible offers roomy and stylish luxury with incredible practicality.

Standard features include 17" alloy wheels, CD player with MP3 CD-R compatibility, i-pod integration kit, cruise control, climate control air conditioning system and full-size spare wheel.

Motorline Toyota is currently offering highly competitive Contract Hire deals for Business Customers on the 2011 model Hilux Invincible.

Contact our sales team for more information.

Motorline Ashford
The Crescent, Ashford,
TN24 0SN
Tel: 0844 822 7122

Motorline Canterbury
Broad Oak Road, Canterbury,
CT2 7RB
Tel: 0844 822 7130

Motorline Tunbridge Wells
Dowding Way, Tunbridge Wells,
TN2 3UY
Tel: 0844 822 7169



**Today
Tomorrow
Toyota**

*Terms and conditions: Offer available to business users only on models shown when ordered, registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services, Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ on a three year non-maintained Toyota Contract Hire agreement between 21st September and 31st December 2011 at participating Centres. Based on 10,000 miles per annum, excess miles charges apply. Metallic paint is £420 extra, pearlescent paint is £625 extra. Other offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s only. Subject to availability. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services.

**750KG PAYLOAD
NOT A LOAD
TO PAY
£9,175 OTR**
(EX VAT)



FIAT DOBLO CARGO 1.3 MULTIJET DIESEL
LOAD VOLUME 3.4M³ • PAYLOAD 750KG

PRICE INCLUDES: • PANELLED BULKHEAD • ELECTRIC WINDOWS • CENTRAL DOOR LOCKING

LIPSCOMB, BRIDGE HOUSE, CHART ROAD, ASHFORD, KENT, TN23 3HZ
TEL: 08430 224264 LIPSCOMB.CO.UK

WE SPEAK WITH FACTS.

www.fiatprofessional.co.uk



Fuel consumption figures for the Fiat Doblo Cargo Van 1.3 Multijet 750kg Euro 4 mpg (l/100km) and CO₂ emissions: Urban 44.1 (6.4), Extra Urban 62.8 (4.5), Combined 54.3 (5.2). CO₂ emissions 136g/km. Offer available through participating Fiat Professional dealers on the Doblo Cargo 1.3 Multijet Diesel Euro 4 purchased & registered before 31st December, 2011 subject to availability. Business users only. †OTR (On The Road) charges = delivery + number plates £531.28 + VAT (£106.26) + £210 VED (Vehicle Excise Duty) + £55 first registration fee = Total £902.54. OTR price shown excl. VAT at 20% is rounded up to the nearest pound.

COMMERCIAL

Visit carsforkent.co.uk

VAN FARE FOR THE COMMON MAN: Pick-up trucks such as the Mitsubishi L200, left, and the Isuzu Rodeo, far left, are now becoming more popular

By Sam Davison

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

WE'VE all heard of White Van Man, but is there another breed on the road worthy of the label – Pick-Up Truck Man?

Certainly, the number of pick-ups – also known as 'utes' (utility trucks) and 'bakkies' in other parts of the world – has rocketed in the UK in recent years, both as commercial and leisure vehicles.

One reason for private numbers rising is tax anomalies, but many commercial operators also recognise that they are relatively cheap yet capacious workhorses available with two- or four-door cabs and, in the case of the 4x4 models, able to go most places required on a

farm or construction site.

Could it be also that traditional off-roaders lack the carrying capacity and have become too gentrified? Or do the interlopers cater for an inner desire to wear a check-shirt, jeans and cowboy boots?

There is certainly an air of Americana

Is Pick-Up Truck Man new WVM?



about contenders like the Mitsubishi L200, Isuzu Rodeo and the legendary Toyota Hilux – the vehicle that Top Gear failed to kill off with fire, water and violence. However, Fiat has decided that post-re-

cession real-world economics needs to be applied to the sector, too, and has launched a version of its award-winning Doblo Cargo van, pictured left.

Called the Doblo Work Up, it's a 'dropside' vehicle with compact external dimensions allowing easy use in urban areas, though Fiat sees it selling across the agriculture, construction, maintenance or city parks services sectors, too.

It can transport anything from frames of glass to three euro pallets or 33 boxes of fruit. Both diesel-engine options feature a fuel-saving



HYUNDAI NEW THINKING. NEW POSSIBILITIES.

Get a iLoad of this!

Save up to £2,456 with new Hyundai iLoad from Motorline!

CLASSIC

- Electric Front Windows • Full Steel Bulkhead with Window • Sliding Rear Side Doors • Twin Privacy Glazed 180° Opening Rear Doors • Stereo RDS Radio/CD Player with MP3 Compatibility
- USB and AUX Connections
- Steering Wheel Audio Controls
- Floor Mounted Load Lashing Eyes
- Central Locking • Driver's Seat Height Adjustment • Fold Down Front Centre Seat with Tray and Cup Holder
- Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS) with Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD)

ONLY
£11,487

Plus delivery and on the road charges

YOU
SAVE **£2,353**

COMFORT

- Electric Front Windows • Full Steel Bulkhead with Window • Sliding Rear Side Doors • Twin Privacy Glazed 180° Opening Rear Doors • Stereo RDS Radio/CD Player with MP3 Compatibility • Air Conditioning
- USB and AUX Connections • Electric Door Mirrors • Steering Wheel Audio Controls
- Floor Mounted Load Lashing Eyes
- Central Locking • Driver's Seat Height Adjustment • Fold Down Front Centre Seat with Tray and Cup Holder
- Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS) with Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD)
- Front Side Passenger's Front Airbag

ONLY
£11,994

Plus delivery and on the road charges

YOU
SAVE **£2,456**

Motorline Hyundai - Canterbury 01227 817555

Units 2b & 2c, Westminster Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1YY www.motorlinehyundai-canterbury.co.uk

Motorline Hyundai - Maidstone 01622 624 070

Bircholt Road, Parkwood, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9YN www.motorlinehyundai-maidstone.co.uk

COMMERCIAL

Visit carsforkent.co.uk

Go business-class with Citroën's free fuel offer

FREE fuel for a year is the tempting offer to small business and owner/driver van-buyers from Citroën at the moment.

Part of the French marque's 'Business Class' commitment, the offer applies to buyers via outright purchase or Citroën's Elect 3 Pro (PCP) or hire purchase (installment credit).

Scott Michael, Citroën's commercial vehicle operations manager, said: "In today's tough economic climate, businesses need to make

savings and the new Citroën light commercial vehicle (LCV) Free Fuel for a Year scheme meets this key business need. It enables our business-sector customers to benefit from some of the most fuel-efficient LCVs on the market and also to have their fuel costs paid for 12 months."

Free-fuel customers can also make the fuel go further with the Citroën Traffigmaster sat-nav package fitted as standard to Berlingo, Dispatch and Relay panel vans.

Vantrepeneurs' challenge to male stronghold in van sector

GIRL power could be challenging White Van Man, according to AA Insurance.

Research showed that a third of van-owners are now women; female florists, perhaps not surprisingly, comprise one of the top categories.

The ladies say that modern van features such as air-con, CD/MP3 sound systems, power-assisted steering and sat-nav, plus better-arranged and car-like cabs, have made

it easier for them to encroach on what used to be male territory.

Norwich Union Direct research supported the AA findings and identified a new female business community dubbed 'vantrepeneurs'.

With women already exerting more force on how cars are marketed and sold, 'girl power' is widely expected to increase its influence on the van sector, especially as many of the smaller vehicles are car-derived.



GO GIRL! Fiat's multiple-award-winning Fiorino is the type of vehicle targeted by vantrepeneurs

DUCATO 30 SWB
2.2 Multijet



just **£12,500**

+VAT & RFL

or

just **£69** per week

NO FINAL PAYMENT

+VAT

SCUDO 90
1.6 Multijet in Silver



just **£11,500**

+VAT & RFL

or

just **£64** per week

NO FINAL PAYMENT

+VAT

**FANTASTIC
NEW
LEASE
OFFERS!**

**AVAILABLE NOW AT
NORTHGATE FIAT**

WWW.NORTHGATE-GROUP.CO.UK

NORTHGATE FIAT

WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANTERBURY, KENT CT1 1YY

TEL: 01227 464100 EMAIL: vansales@northgate-fiat.co.uk



A new **Renault Sport Van** from Motorline. **They've got the lot!**



New Renault Kangoo ML19 dCi 90 Sport Van

LOOK WHAT IT'S GOT:

- 15" Alloy wheels
- Electric windows
- 2-3 additional side anchorage points in load area
- Air conditioning
- Front fog lights
- Electric/heated door mirrors
- Carminat TomTom Sat. Nav. Live-UK map
- Radio/CD MP3 Bluetooth with AUX input • Trip computer
- ABS Brakes with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)
- Full steel bulkhead
- Left side loading door
- 3 Year Renault Warranty (2 years unlimited mileage, 3rd year 100,000 mile restriction)
- 3 Years Roadside Assistance

AND IT'S ONLY

£8,995

YOU SAVE A MASSIVE
£4,580

OR ONLY
£41 PER WEEK



New Renault Trafic SL27 dCi 115 Sport Van

LOOK WHAT IT'S GOT:

- 16" Ixtar alloy wheels
- Electric windows
- Air conditioning
- Front fog lights
- Radio/CD, Bluetooth and MP3 with RCA connection
- Carminat TomTom Sat. Nav. Live-UK map
- Steel bulkhead
- Left side loading door
- ABS Brakes with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)
- 180° Opening rear (unglazed) doors
- Left side loading door
- 3 Year Renault Warranty (2 years unlimited mileage, 3rd year 100,000 mile restriction)
- 3 Years Roadside Assistance

AND IT'S ONLY

£12,395

YOU SAVE A MASSIVE
£6,055

OR ONLY
£59 PER WEEK



New Renault Master MM33 dCi 100 Sport Van

LOOK WHAT IT'S GOT:

- 16" Alloy wheels
- Front fog lights
- Air conditioning
- Rear parking sensors
- Electric front windows
- Cruise control
- Hands-free Renault Keycard
- Carminat TomTom Live Sat. Nav.
- Radio CD with Bluetooth, MP3 & RCD connection
- ABS Brakes with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)
- Full steel bulkhead
- 3 Year Renault Warranty (2 years unlimited mileage, 3rd year 100,000 mile restriction)
- 3 Year Roadside Assistance

AND IT'S ONLY

£15,995

YOU SAVE A MASSIVE
£8,140

OR ONLY
£66 PER WEEK

Plus 3000 miles of FREE fuel[#]

Motorline

KENT'S
LARGEST
RENAULT
RETAILER

Direct Aftersales Booking Service **08700 112218**

www.motorline.co.uk/renault

Canterbury

Broad Oak Road

0844

822 7104

Contact: Yigal

Ashford

A28 Chart Road

0844

822 7097

Contact: Alex

Maidstone

Bircholt Road, Parkwood

0844

822 7115

Contact: Ben



All prices quoted exclude VAT, delivery, number plates, 12 months Government Road Fund Licence and £55 first registration fee. Finance rates quoted are based on 3 year contract hire agreements (3+35 payments), non maintenance with a 10K per annum mileage restriction, excess mileage charged extra. Rates quoted exclude VAT. Finance provided subject to age and status by Arval Ltd. Arval Centre Windmill Hill Swindon SN6 6PE. Guarantees/indemnities may be required. Applies to all new Renault vans ordered and registered by 31st December 2011. The Free Fuel offer applies to new retail and local business sales (excluding Plaza and Renaultsport range, Master RWD, Mobility and Contract Hire offers - including offers with own terms). The Free Fuel calculation is based on the official manufacturer combined fuel consumption figure and UK average fuel cost (source: AA fuel price report - August 2011) for each vehicle and engine applicable to the offer. For a full listing of the free fuel calculations visit renault.co.uk/freefuel. A free fuel card will be sent to the registered keeper within 5 working days of vehicle registration. Offer cannot be used as a discount off the final invoice. Models shown for illustration purposes only. These offers supersede any previously advertised offers.

**CITROËN VANS
BUSINESS CLASS**

www.citroen.co.uk

CITROËN prefers TOTAL

**CITROËN NEMO**From **£9895***

- Payload up to 660kg
- Loadspace up to 2.5m³
- Up to 67.3mpg² for Citroën Nemo Multispace models

**CITROËN BERLINGO**From **£11495***

- Payload up to 746kg
- Loadspace up to 2.7m³
- 3 years' Smartnav as standard

**CITROËN DISPATCH**From **£14495***

- Payload up to 1188kg
- Loadspace up to 7m³
- 3 years' Smartnav as standard

**CITROËN RELAY**From **£17895***

- Payload up to 1995kg
- Loadspace up to 17m³
- 3 years' Smartnav as standard

AVAILABLE AT WILMOTH'S COMMERCIAL (ALAN-07888820207)

Complimentary fuel for a year is now being served in Business Class across Citroën's award-winning van range. Yes, that's a year's worth of free fuel! This is in addition to the many complementary features available on board our van range including Smartnav satellite navigation on all Citroën Berlingo, Dispatch and Relay Panel vans.

Call us now for full details on our award-winning van range.

**CITROËN****CRÉATIVE TECHNOLOGIE**

*Outright purchase prices & offers apply to qualifying new Citroën vehicles ordered & delivered 01/10/11 - 31/12/11 exclude VAT, delivery, number plates, Government First Registration Fee & Vehicle Excise Duty. Metallic paint optional at extra cost. From prices shown: Citroën Nemo HDi 75 MANUAL STOP AND START 660 X, Citroën Berlingo HDi 75 MANUAL L1 625 X, Citroën Dispatch HDi 90 MANUAL L1H1 1000 Panel Van and Citroën Relay 35 HEAVY L3H2 HDi 120 6-SPEED MANUAL Panel Van. Offers, prices & specification correct at time of going to press from participating Dealers. Terms & conditions apply. Please ask us for details. Subject to stock availability. 'Free fuel for a Year offer will be provided as a preloaded MasterCard® debit card, with the loaded amounts equivalent to the value of 10,000 miles worth of fuel based on lowest combined fuel consumption figures for the engine in your purchased model of van. Fuel cost based on UK average Unleaded 95 Octane Petrol of 135.6p and Diesel of 139.8p as per the AA 2011 July Fuel Price Report. MasterCard® debit card is issued by Clydesdale Bank PLC pursuant to license by MasterCard® International. This card is an electronic money product. The electronic money associated with this card is provided by Prepay Technologies Ltd. Prepay Technologies Ltd is a registered service provider of Clydesdale Bank PLC.

WILMOTH'S ASHFORD 01233 640100
WILMOTH'S FOLKESTONE 01303 245588
WILMOTH'S MAIDSTONE 01622 750442

White Van Man is given his creature comforts

By Sam Davison

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

VAN design has been revolutionised over the past decade or so. Operators have seen economy, efficiency and flexibility soar, while drivers have enjoyed better performance, refinement and safety.

Much of the latter benefits have come about because of crossover designs from cars.

Initially, this was confined to smaller models derived from superminis or family hatchbacks, such as the Ford Fiesta or Fiat Punto vans; all that was needed was to blank out the rear windows and the driver could enjoy all the benefits of the equivalent car-owner, including air-con and a decent sound system.

But the same philosophy has since travelled up the line to larger vans, which can sometimes be derived from the platforms of popular hatchbacks, too, even if the van body is bespoke.

The range of van capacities has also widened, varying from as little as three cubic metres for a car-derived hatchback used by a courier company or perhaps as a small company's runabout, right up to a 17 cubic-metre delivery van.

Access has improved, too. Many larger vans have low floors in the driving compartment for easy access and most vehicles above the supermini class now come with at least one sliding door as standard to aid loading – many buyers also take up the option of a second 'slider'.

There is now a choice usually of side-opening twin doors or a high-lift tailgate as well, while cab doors generally have a reduced opening angle, with the double benefit of making it easy for a busy driver to grab the handle to close the door and also avoid it swinging wide and hitting something.

On the performance front, petrol-driven vans may still be available, but they have been all but displaced by the better economy and range plus pulling power low down in the rev range of four- and five-cylinder diesels.

Diesel operating benefits are then compounded by extended service periods, lower maintenance costs and longer-lasting parts.

The engine's partner, the gearbox, has also had a change. A six-speed manual gearbox is normally the standard – a couple of cogs better than only a few years ago – but urban operators are turning increasingly to automatic, semi-automatic or clutchless transmissions.

These can usually be driven with manual selection anyway but are ideal for the stop-start traffic conditions of the town and city and can be as economical as a manual.

Van safety has also gained from the car market; along with driver's airbag and the option of passenger, side and front curtain airbags, there are active safety features including anti-lock braking (ABS), traction control (TCS), braking control (EBC) and electronic stability programme (ESP).



HYUNDAI ILOAD: This big-panel van highlights the high-spec affordability of the Korean maker, but it's necessary in a competitive market where driver comfort comes to the fore.



TOYOTA HIACE: the Japanese marque championed driver comfort with high specifications on its popular panel van.

Hired help from £199 per month

plus VAT. The affordable way to fund your business vehicles, only from Mitsubishi Contract Motoring

Benefits of Contract Hire



more tax efficient



zero depreciation



includes road tax



VAT reclaimable



fixed cost motoring

Canterbury Mitsubishi

Westminster Road, Vauxhall Ind.Est

Canterbury, Kent CT1 1YY

www.canterburymitsubishi.co.uk

For a brochure or a test drive call 0844 209 7971



L200 Warrior £199 per month plus VAT

Active stability & traction control • Super Select 4WD • 2,700kg towing capacity
1 tonne payload • 17" alloy wheels • Climate control • CD player with MP3 • Rear electric window • Privacy glass



The Contract Hire Finance Plans shown are applicable to VAT Registered Business Users Only and subject to status through Mitsubishi Contract Motoring (part of the official Mitsubishi Motors distribution in the UK). Watermoor, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1LF. Rentals are based on a repayment pattern of 12 rentals in advance followed by 59 monthly in arrears. All rentals are subject to VAT and are based on an annual mileage of 10,000 miles and are non-maintained rentals. Excess mileage will be charged for. Indemnities may be required. L200 Warrior rental is for a manual transmission. Rentals are valid between 1st October and 31st December 2011. All prices correct as at 1st October 2011 and are subject to change without notice, other terms and mileages are available upon request, at participating dealers in the UK (excludes Channel Islands & I.O.M). Offers cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Models shown for illustrative purposes only. Metallic paint extra.

COMMERCIAL

Visit carsforkent.co.uk

DELIVERING THE GOODS: Flexibility and economy of vans like the Trafficmaster, far right, and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, right, have underpinned e-commerce revolution



By Sam Davison

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

Internet action drives van sales

VANS lubricate the UK economy and they have become even more important with the arrival of e-commerce and internet-based ordering.

Such doorstep deliveries often require small cargo volumes but lots of stops and even greater choice of van and loading flexibility.

Whether it is a book or large item of office equipment, private and commercial customers expect the goods to be there within 24 hours.

And transport is the indispensable precondition: food, books and office materials cannot be sent through a broadband cable.

At the same time, society is changing: the size of households is decreasing, while the number of single-occupant households is increasing.

This has an effect on day-to-day requirements – people shop in smaller quantities and need smaller packs.

By 2015, the daily volume of parcels is expected to have doubled to some 14 million across the UK and Europe, compared with 1996.

The downside is increasing fuel prices, expected scarcity of raw materials and access restrictions to cities and towns. And the debate about emissions of fine particles, CO₂ and other exhaust constituents is forcing the transport sector on to the defensive.

On the other hand, e-commerce could help reduce traffic volumes if intelligent solutions are applied such as online supermarket shopping; while delivery traffic will increase, it should be balanced by much lower consumer traffic on the roads.

So low fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions are in the interests of the transport sector, even

if we don't take soaring fuel prices into account.

Mercedes-Benz – already one of the market leaders in the UK van sector – has pioneered a more economic and eco-friendly van operation with its Mercedes-Benz Sprinter with Eco Start and BlueEfficiency systems.

This model is particularly effective in densely populated areas with a high proportion of stop-and-go traffic, enabling considerable savings to be achieved – Mercedes-Benz estimates a normal reduction in fuel consumption by 5-8 per cent but sometimes as high as 20 per cent and offering rapid payback on the slightly higher cost of the Eco Start feature.

Other makers have been catching up, though, on emissions and there is a further fuel-saving/

emissions-slashing approach being pursued by Citroën LCV, which fits Trafficmaster Smartnav system as standard to its vans, including the Trackstar stolen-vehicle-tracking add-on.

The French marque has now fitted 50,000 Citroën vans with the system and claims some impressive figures to show what sat-nav can deliver:

- the equivalent of 6,500 working days regained in 2010 due to congestion avoidance
- up to 12 per cent improvement in fuel economy
- up to 10 per cent reduction in vehicle running costs
- up to 33 per cent reduction in driver stress levels
- greater vehicle security, with a 98 per cent stolen-vehicle recovery rate

**THE NEW RODEO HAS A TIMING CHAIN,
NOT A TIMING BELT.**

**BECAUSE A TOUGH WORKING WORLD
NEEDS A TOUGH WORKING PICK-UP.**

At Isuzu we only make commercial vehicles. That's why we can focus on making the Rodeo powerful, tough and built to go the distance. Created from our commercial vehicle DNA, every part is dedicated to work. And dedicated to working harder. That's why we use a strong stainless steel timing chain as found on trucks, rather than the weaker rubber belt found on most other pick-ups. With the Rodeo there are no compromises. So when you need something built for the job, turn to the experts. Because the Isuzu Rodeo is 100% pick-up, from bumper to bumper.

**ISUZU
RODEO**
THE PICK-UP
PROFESSIONALS



Canterbury Isuzu
Vauxhall Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1HD
Tel: 01227 783 300
www.canterburyisuzu.co.uk

*The new Rodeo range from £12,699 to £22,549 CV OTR. Prices correct at time of press and exclude VAT. Specification may vary. Vehicle shown is a Rodeo 2.5 Denver Max at £17,049 CV OTR.

Click online for a new car

Search and find 1000s of Kent cars online



Check out the prices of new and used car valuations



Search for you local car dealer



Find the latest car reviews and test drives on new cars



Get a car loan quote and calculate your repayments



Use www.CarsforKent.co.uk where you can search through 1,000s of cars for sale across the county.

Online you can view full car details, location map and seller's details, plus road tests and a finance calculator to work out monthly payments.

CarsforKent.co.uk

The smart way to find your next car

Sport

For more sports news and pictures go to www.kentsport.co.uk

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOCUS

WITH FRED ATKINS

End in sight for Stones' exile

“THE relationship between the council and the local football team can be pivotal and nowhere illustrates this better than the county town.

The earth is now finally moving in Maidstone, which for the past 23 years has held the unwanted distinction of being the largest urban area in the UK without a stadium.

Last Saturday about 600 fans gathered to celebrate work officially starting on the new ground at James Whatman Way - more than the 386 who watched Maidstone play Bognor later that afternoon - possibly because they needed to see what was happening with their own eyes.

For the best part of three decades Maidstone United and Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) often seemed to be on a path of mutually assured destruction.

This distrust predated the flattening of the Athletic Ground in 1988 and worsened when a plan to build a replacement near Ringlestone was rejected a year later.

Relations became terminal almost exactly 20 years ago, when the council rejected United's planning application for a stadium complex at Woodcut Farm in Hollingbourne in November 1991. It was a flawed scheme, but the near unanimous vote against effectively killed Maidstone United as a Football League club.

For the politicians who made the decision there was little immediate damage at the ballot box, but the vote left a legacy of bitterness and contempt.

The former leader of MBC, Mick Stevens told me that nearly 15 years after the plan was rejected voters with no interest in local politics would still blame him for killing the club when they realised he was a councillor.

Forgiveness might have been more forthcoming had MBC offered more in the way of constructive support to the club during the wilderness years of the 1990s.

It took the intervention of the town's then MP Ann Widdecombe to "motivate" MBC into suggesting Whatman Way as a potential venue in 2000, but in the short term life for supporters got no easier.

After four years of near total inactivity the first of many false dawns came in 2004, when council members unanimously voted to approve the new ground.

Hundreds of fans spilled out of the town hall and into the Muggleton Inn to celebrate, not realising the club was blowing all its money on players' wages and had nothing left to spend on the stadium, or repaying a council loan, giving MBC the perfect excuse to decline to help further.

It's a start, although perhaps one of the reasons so many people turned up was because standing around on a patch of earth is what passes for first class sport in Maidstone.

The club's most astute move was to settle their debt with MBC and rebuild their relationship - so now they can at least pretend to like each other.

FOOTBALL

Clubs are split over impact of potential satellite TV changes

Picture: DAVE PLUMB

By David Pritchard

david.pritchard@archant.co.uk

NON-LEAGUE clubs across the county are attempting to gauge the consequences of a landmark court decision in a case between a landlady and the Premier League this week.

Karen Murphy made headlines after the European Court of Justice ruled in her favour over the use of a foreign satellite TV decoder in her Portsmouth pub. The case, which will now be referred back to the High Court, could lead to a major change in the way the Premier League sells its TV rights in the UK, which are held by Sky and ESPN.

In theory it could lead to pubs legally using foreign satellite feeds to screen top flight games which kick-off at 3pm on a Saturday, something which is prevented in this country to encourage supporters to attend matches.

Phil Sonsara, chairman at Conference Premier side Ebbsfleet United, feels such a scenario would cause problems and summed up how finely balanced club finances are in non-league.

He said: "If there was a big game, the Manchester derby for example, I can imagine there would be many people who would watch that on TV



NUMBERS

GAME: The gates at Ebbsfleet United's home games at Stonebridge Road have a huge influence on what the club is able to budget for across the season

rather than go to a game.

"There could be an implication for smaller clubs. We're very dependent on the match day income, which probably amounts to something like 70 or 80 per cent of the club's turnover.

"We have budgeted for an average of 1,100 at home games and we're a little bit below that so far. We have some big games coming up which should help but we're going to have to look very carefully at the budget if the average doesn't improve."

While attendances are the

most obvious area which could be affected, there are other ramifications.

Kent League chairman Denise Richmond said: "My concern is how might it affect the investment which comes down the pyramid from the top to bodies like the Football Foundation, which has helped lots of clubs in Kent improve their facilities."

On the other side of the fence are lower league clubs like Whitstable Town and Sittingbourne, who sense an opportunity.

Town chairman Joe Brownnet

said: "It might impact more on a bigger club, if you're a Chelsea fan you might not go to the game if it's on at the pub.

"We might even think about showing the games ourselves if it was affordable and legal to get people in our bar."

Brickies chairman John Pitts said: "People who follow non-league football are fairly passionate about it, I think the clubs in the Premier League could be the worst affected mainly because of the prices they charge. We could even benefit if we got a cheaper card to show games ourselves".

SUPERBIKES

Hill set to attack at Brands in bid to win superbike crown

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

THE British Superbike Championship (BSB) season reaches its finale at Brands Hatch this weekend with Kent's Tommy Hill promising to go all out to win the title.

While five men are theoretically in with a chance of finishing on top, the title is likely to come down to a showdown between leader John Hopkins and Beckenham-born Tommy Hill.

The American holds a slender eight point lead over his rival heading into the final three races, which are split into one on Saturday and two on Sunday.

It is the second year in a row Hill, who rides for Swan Yamaha, has come into the final round in contention. At Oulton Park 12 months ago he held an 11-point lead, but a

retirement after two crashes in the second race proved costly as he finished the season in third.

The 26-year-old has won seven races in an impressively consistent year and will keep faith with his attacking approach this weekend in search of a first BSB title.

He said: "I don't really know what I learned from last season; this is racing. You push hard to win and we're all susceptible to making mistakes. I went down fighting and giving my all. I think the fans really appreciated that and I'll have the same approach again.

"A lot of people said the pressure got to me last year but I'd disagree because I set a new lap record. I try not to think about it and go out to enjoy the experience because that's



MR CONSISTENT: Tommy Hill has racked up nine podium finishes in a row

when you're fastest."

Sheppey's Shane Byrne is one of three men still in mathematical contention for the title. The 34-year-old has a good record at Brands but knows a miracle is needed to be crowned champion.

He said: "Nothing short of three race wins will be enough and myself and the HM Plant Honda team will be doing everything we can to achieve that. If we do win the races and something incredible happens we could be champions again."

Sport

For more sports news and pictures go to www.kentsport.co.uk

CRICKET

Tavaré remembers Dilley as king of the swingers

By David Pritchard

david.pritchard@archant.co.uk

A RICHLY talented bowler who allied bravery with a keen sense of humour, Graham Dilley's death is a big loss to cricket according to his former Kent and England team-mate Chris Tavaré.

The former paceman died on Wednesday after a short illness, aged just 52. It cut short a life spent immersed in cricket, from his Kent debut aged only 18 through to his work coaching up and coming talents at Loughborough University prior to his death.

Dilley, who played 41 Test matches for England, spent much of his career playing alongside Tavaré. The former batsman was due to visit Dilley this weekend after hearing about his illness and was shocked by the news.

The pair's links extended to before the young talent joined Kent.

"We used to go to the nets in Chatham once a week and Graham was there," Tavaré, 56, said. "You could tell he was clearly a very quick bowler because he was faster than some of the pros."

"Thinking back this week two moments really stand out. The first was in 1979 when we played against Australia in one of their warm-up matches for the World Cup. Graham bowled to Allan Border and hit him on the shoulder – he hardly moved because it was so quick.

"The other was one of the best innings against him, by Graham Gooch at Dartford. Graham was bowling really quickly and swinging the ball and only Gooch was able to cope with him. It was ter-



ATTACKING: Chris Tavaré (right) compared Graham Dilley (left)'s swing bowling to Andy Caddick

rific to watch a great bowler taking on England's best batsman at the time.

"In the dressing room he came in straight away and wasn't intimidated by the hierarchy in cricket. He would have a laugh with the senior players as he would with the juniors."

Arguably most famous for playing a supporting role to Ian Botham's legendary innings at Headingley in the 1981 Ashes series, Tavaré be-

lieves it is Dilley's exploits with the ball, taking a total of 648 wickets during his career, which should be seen as his outstanding contribution.

He said: "Graham could get stuck in with the bat but at the end of the day he was a bowler."

"I would put him in Andy Caddick's mould, he pitched the ball up and swung it. He could be expensive but he was a very attacking bowler and I think that's how he should be remembered."

FOOTBALL

Rooney's feeling the benefit of becoming a Gills regular

LUKE Rooney believes he is beginning to fulfil his potential after being given his first run in the Gillingham side.

Before this season the 20-year-old had never started back-to-back games for the club, with his influence limited to brief substitute appearances.

In an interview with this newspaper last month Rooney said he would become an important player if selected regularly. The winger has since started seven successive games and believes his displays have backed up the bold promise.

"I can't tell you how over the moon I am about having a run in the side," he said. "I feel I've done myself justice and to be honest I feel I'm improving as each game goes on as I said I would."

"Even on the other side of my game, defending, that's improved. The gaffer's given me feedback on that and my response was it's come from playing, because you learn from that."

The squad had a day off cancelled on Wednesday after losing 3-1 to Barnet in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in midweek.



STARTER: Luke Rooney

Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler bemoaned the side's inconsistency and Rooney agreed.

He said: "With some of the quality we have in the dressing room we should be blowing teams away. We did at Hereford [a 6-1 win] but we should be doing that on a regular basis."

RUGBY

Prop sculpts homage to one of rugby's founding fathers

A SCULPTURE to honour an influential figure in the early days of both rugby and football has been unveiled at Blackheath RFC.

Francis Maule Campbell is believed to be unique by playing a role in the founding of both the Football Association and the Rugby Football Union.

Representing Blackheath at a meeting in 1863 to codify the rules of football, Campbell opposed the proposal to remove hacking from the game. It caused the club to withdraw from the fledgling FA, helping to create the schism between what became football and rugby.

Blackheath, who are the oldest open rugby club in the world, went on to become founder members of the RFU eight years later.

To commemorate Campbell, a sculpture has been made by Desmond Brett, a senior lecturer in fine art at Hull School of Art and Design who has also made almost 200 appearances for the club as a prop forward.

The three-foot high figurine went on display last month to coincide with the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand and has pride of place in



ART: Desmond Brett and sculpture

the clubhouse bar.

Graham Cox, Blackheath's press officer, said: "The heritage and history is very important to the club and the game itself. It's definitely something we're very keen to keep alive and make people aware of how it all started."

"Everyone's heard of William Webb Ellis picking up the ball at Rugby School, but it's a myth. The real story is Francis Maule Campbell and I think outside of Blackheath he has been overlooked by history. Hopefully this sculpture does something to help redress the balance."

TOURING CARS

WITH TIM HARVEY



Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

Neal my tip for thrilling finale

BRANDS Hatch hosted a fantastic round last weekend – a big crowd, good weather and racing which sets up the championship finale next week in great style.

To go into the final round with Matt Neal, Jason Plato and Gordon Shedden separated by five points, which is effectively nothing given the unpredictability of touring car racing, is a thrilling prospect.

Clearly Brands suited Plato and Chevrolet very well and they were able to maximise the advantage with two good wins. The Hondas of Neal and Shedden could have minimised the damage if they hadn't got punctures in the opening race, but they clawed back some of the losses with a one-two finish in the last race.

It was also good to see Mat Jackson and Airwaves Racing end their run of poor results with two fantastic podiums to get back where he belongs.

It just shows what could have been if they hadn't had that bad run; Mat's strength is his consistency which is why it was so unusual.

Unfortunately, motor racing is 90 per cent disappointment and 10 per cent satisfaction so everyone is used to it, but it doesn't stop you feeling gutted when it happens.

Mat's said he hasn't been thinking about the independents' title and I think that's because he was leading the overall championship at one point and was focused on that as his ultimate goal.

Maybe that wasn't realistic and the position he was in was possibly slightly false given the strength Honda and Chevrolet have shown over the last few weeks. On reflection I think if he finished the year as independents' champion it would be an excellent achievement and he'll be looking to finish the year on a high at Silverstone.

The way the title battle has panned out is very reminiscent of the 1992 championship, which also came down to a three-way shootout at the Northamptonshire circuit between myself, John Cleland and Will Hoy. I think I wanted it more badly than the other two and to come out on top was my proudest moment.

To win the title with the way it is set up you have to take risks – he who dares wins. If you wait for something to fall in your lap it probably won't come.

With its long straights it should suit the Hondas and if I had to pick a favourite it would be Neal because he's effectively the team leader.



Elephant

Conservatories • Orangeries • Windows • Doors



You're not just adding **room** you're adding **style**

Call **0800 195 0000** for further information or visit the showroom at
Newington Road, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 6PP

www.elephantwindows.co.uk